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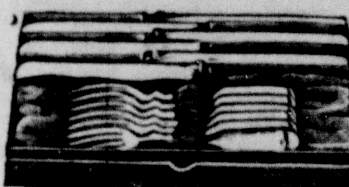
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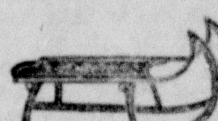
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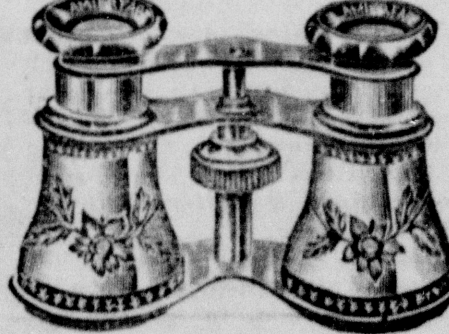
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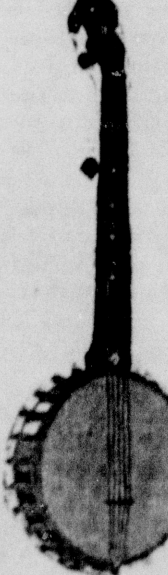
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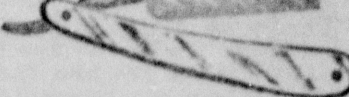
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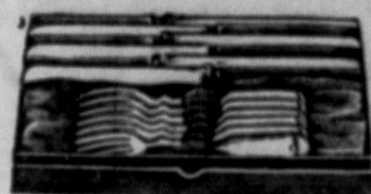
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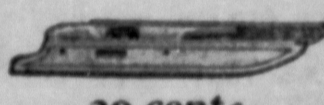
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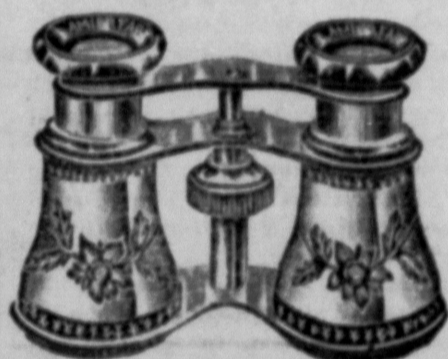
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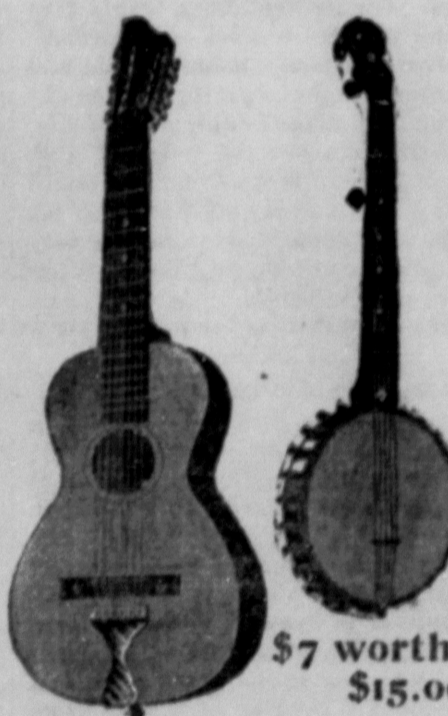
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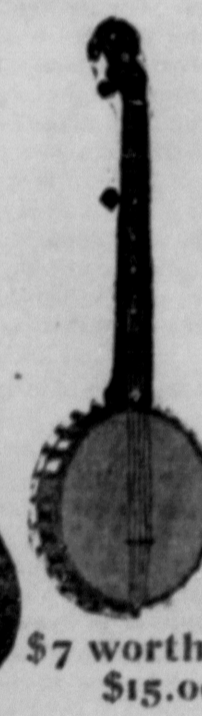
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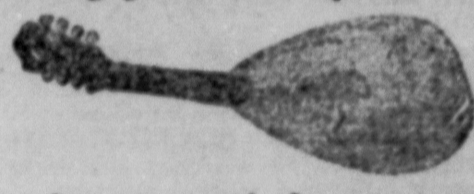
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The Berlin newspapers continue to publish everything available on this subject. The Berliner Tageblatt sums up Germany's position in the Venezuelan matter in the following words: "This new rebellion is of the utmost consequence to our relations with that country. Our position toward the government of Venezuela would naturally be influenced if everything there goes topsy turvy."

SENT TO THE GUILLOTINE.

French Farmer Found Guilty of Murdering His Five Children.

Chartres, France, Dec. 24.—After a week's trial, which has attracted the attention of the whole of France, Briere, the farmer of this vicinity who on April 21 murdered four of his daughters, aged respectively 14, 11, 5 and 5, and his son, 7 years of age, stabbing and beating them to death while they were in bed, was found guilty and sentenced to be decapitated by the guillotine. He persisted in declaring himself innocent, but the circumstantial evidence was overwhelming. A pathetic incident of the trial occurred when his surviving little daughter (who, the police declare, only escaped the fate of the other children by not responding to Briere's invitation to go to see him) went on the witness stand, sobbingly protesting that her father was innocent and begging the court to restore him to her.

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Man Arrested in New Haven, Conn., for Chicago Postoffice Robbery.

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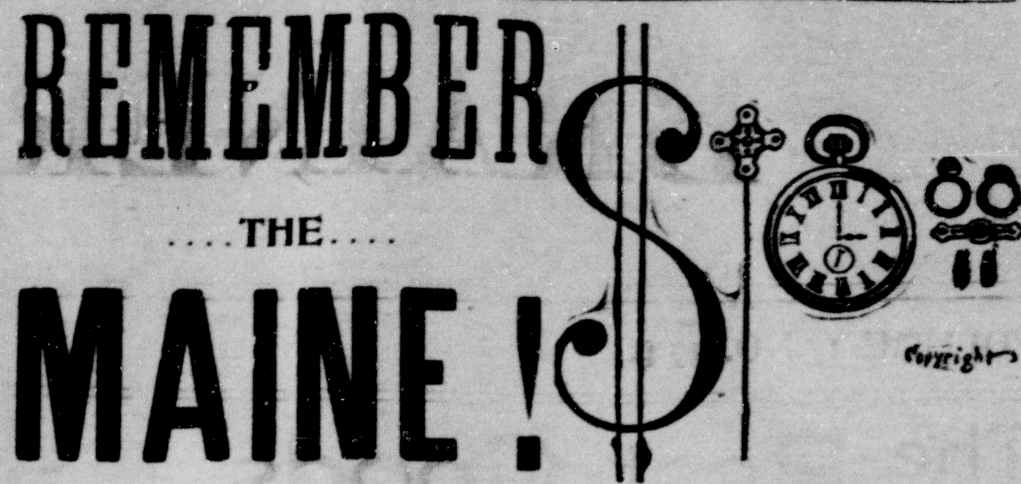
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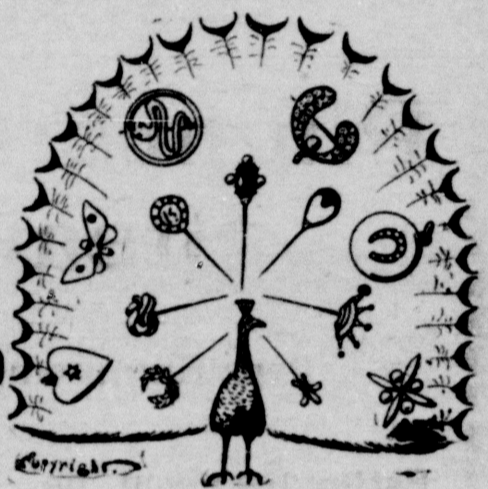


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Alger's Condition Favorable.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—The following bulletin has been given out by the surgeons attending General Alger: "General Alger's condition is favorable; pulse 76, temperature 99.8. Spirits good and he is suffering less pain than at any time since the operation was performed."

Helena Cannot Build Waterworks.

Helena, Mon., Dec. 24.—Judge Knowles of the federal court has issued an order restraining the city of Helena from building waterworks during the life of the present franchise with the Helena Waterworks company. The company had planned to pipe water from a point 15 miles distant. It will appeal from the decision.

Bryan Will Visit Boston.

Boston, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Commonwealth club a letter from William J. Bryan was read accepting an invitation from the club to become its guest at a banquet to be given Thursday evening, Jan. 9.



A View of The Circle Front.

REMEMBER THE MAINE!



AND..... \$ Saved at the Circle Front

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"Difficulties are things that show what men are made of."—Somebody. The difficulty of getting a suitable present at a suitable price disappears before our large and carefully selected stock of Honest Goods at honest prices.—S. R. ADAIR.

We Have.....

Diamonds

loose and mounted, the largest assortment we have ever carried.

In Watches

We carry a full line and guarantee every one we sell to be a time keeper as well as a watch.

We Have a Complete Line of Silverware

Useful and ornamental. Tea sets, Chafing Dishes, Baking Dishes. Berry Dishes, Fruit dishes, cake baskets, nut bowls, jewel boxes, glove boxes, smoking sets, shaving sets, etc., etc. Sterling silver staples and novelties galore. Ebony goods, a full line for ladies and gents. A nice assortment of genuine hand carved Mexican Leather. The new Henri Deaux ware. See it Rich and sparkling cut glass. We do not offer tin spoons or baking powder china as an inducement to trade with us but can and will save you money.

Railroad Men Attention.

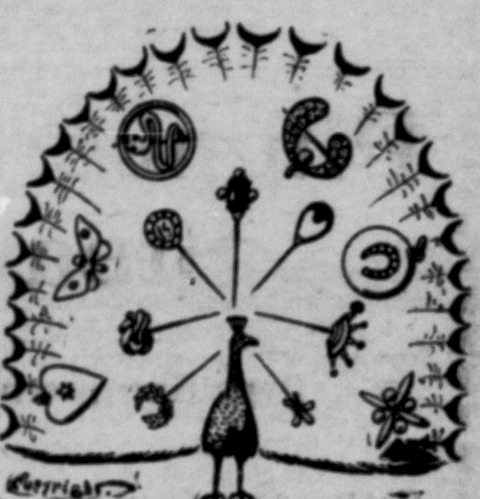
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We are still selling 1847 Rogers knives and forks for \$3.25 a dozen. A call solicited.



Necklaces at the Circle Front.

S. R. ADAIR, THE Pioneer Jeweler



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Ladies Take Notice.

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ALL WRONG.

The Mistake Is Made By Many Brainerd Citizens.

Don't mistake the cause of backache. To be cured you must know the cause.

It is wrong to imagine that relief is cure.

Backache is kidney ache. You must cure the kidneys.

A Brainerd resident tells you how this can be done.

Mr. J. Hagadorn, of 123 Ninth St. north says: "For thirty years I had more or less trouble with my kidneys. Some attacks laid me up while during others my back ached so severely that I could not sleep during the night nor work during the day. On many occasions I could not stand and talk to a man two or three minutes without suffering with twinges across the small of my back, which radiated toward the shoulders. As time passed by the complaint became more pronounced and difficulty with the kidney secretions set in. As might be expected I tried everything when the attacks commenced to check them, but if I had met with any marked degree of success I never would have resorted to Doan's Kidney Pills."

When suffering severely I went to a drug store and got a box. I expected the results would be similar to those obtained by other preparations. In twenty-four hours I changed my mind. I noticed they were acting different to anything hitherto tried, and encouraged I kept on with the treatment until two boxes. Now, I may have recurrences but at the present moment, and it is sometime since I stopped the treatment, I have not had a symptom of my old complaint. To anyone interested I will be only too pleased to give minutest details and substantiate the above statement in a personal interview."

Sold for 50 cents a box, at the McFadden Drug Co., H. P. Dunn & Co., and all druggists. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

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WOOD, WOOD, WOOD.

The New Woodyard is now in operation, and we are fully prepared to furnish all kinds at the lowest possible price.

Leave or send all orders to James Slaughter's boarding house on Front street, between 8th and 9th streets, where prompt and careful attention will be given to quick and immediate deliveries.

GIVE US A TRIAL, SLAUGHTER & ERWIN.

A Pointer To the Men.

Don't buy an article that Westfall & Georgeson keeps until you have seen their prices. A mistake if you do.

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Xmas Gifts

That are cheap and durable, handsome and useful, and just what you want, at Westfall & Georgeson's. Come quick for they go fast.

We are very busy framing pictures, bring yours early. Losey & Dean.

Citizens of Brainerd.

Never before have had so good an opportunity to buy your Xmas gifts at the price you can this season. Every customer says that who sees the stock and hear the discount at Westfall & Georgeson's.

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Bargain Table Extraordinary in Underwear.

50c fleeced shirts and drawers, 25c. \$1.00 wool shirts and drawers, 50c. \$1.50 wool, fine and heavy, 75c. \$2.00 and \$2.50 goods, broken sizes \$1.

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"They are like us in keeping pets about the house. Andre counted 54 species of insects, nearly all of them beetles, that are habitually to be found in ants' nests. They must be there with their consent, for an interloper is instantly killed. Some of them are milk cattle, like the aphides, such as caterpillars that give sirup and the little blind beetle claviger, which secretes honey from a tuft at the base of its wings. If one of these clavigers is put into the nest of strange ants they fall upon it and slaughter it at once. Some kinds of wood lice are kept as scavengers, and the silverfish or bristletail and the larva of the elater beetle are handy to have around to do the heavy digging under the supervision of the workers. Many of these domesticated animals are unable to feed themselves. Lespes saw some ants eating sugar. A lomechusa of their nest came up and nuzzled them until they fed it. Afterward it climbed up on the lump of sugar, but did not seem to know how to get the good of it for itself. But also there are pets about which are as useless as a pug dog, if another such a thing in the universe can be imagined. The little Stenamma westwoodii pranks about in the hills of Formica rufa and Formica pratensis. It runs along with them, jumps on their backs and takes a ride, and if for any reason the nest is removed it goes along.

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"But if we begin calling hard names we might as well keep it up and admit first as last that all ants are cannibals and feed not only on other kinds of ants, but even upon their own species when they are not of the same household. They capture and carry off the eggs, larvae and pupae of other nests, and what they do not have for dinner today they fatten for tomorrow. It is supposed that in this way they got into the habit of keeping slaves. The young captive ants came out of their cocoons and, being naturally industrious, they bustled about and gave the babies their nimmy nimmy when they cried for it, swept the floor and carried in the coal until the approving workers of the captors began to talk to each other like this: 'That fusca is a handy little thing about the house. Seems a kind of pity to kill her when we've got so much fresh meat on hand and right in the busy season, when help is hard to get. She's so good to the children too. Let's keep her awhile. What do you say?' And then when it was decided to put off butchering day they went to the fusca and said: 'Fusca, we've concluded not to kill you for a spell yet. You can stay around and do up the work, but mind, if there are any complaints about you or the children are neglected or you give any of your back talk—well, there'll be fresh meat for supper. Do you understand?' And the fusca dropped a courtesy and made answer: 'Yass, missy. Thank yo', missy. Ah'll do de bes' ah kin.' It is almost needless to say that F. fusca is a black ant.

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An old friend of Artemus Ward tells this anecdote in The Century:

Down on Canal street one day he encountered a "Mrs. Mulligan" over her wash tub, with her dress plumed up about her waist, barefooted and rubbing away upon her washboard, with some dirty children playing about. He accosted her with a "Good morning" and inquired if she would like to do his washing and what was her price.

She straightened up, put her arms upon her hips and, with a withering stare, said: "I'm not one of those that does washing out of my own family. You're a fine gossoon. I don't even know you by eyesight."

Turning to the two boys, she said, "Here, Joseph Ander, take Thomas Ander by the hand and lade him off til skule."

Said Joseph Ander, "I've not had me breakfast."

"Yes, and ye have. Ye had the blue duck's eggs and pancakes sopped in gravy. Now be off wid yees."

And Artemus said he thought it was time for him to go, lest she might take a fancy to wash his shirt without his taking it off.

The menu pleased him so much that he repeated it again and again, laughing heartily at each repetition. "The blue duck's eggs and pancakes sopped in gravy."

Trees That Burst Aflame.

Trees are subject to spontaneous combustion. The banks of the Cam river, in Cambridgeshire, England, have recently exhibited an unusual number of such cases, and young growing willows have been the victims in nearly every case. Cambridge used to pride itself upon its beautiful willows, and it was therefore with sorrow that the people discovered one morning the charred remains of what had once been a really beautiful specimen of the willow tree.

The fate of the tree naturally attracted attention to the phenomenon, and thereafter but too much opportunity was afforded for the study of it. At one point in the river in particular the process was seen. Green trees, covered with rich masses of foliage, suddenly burst forth into conflagration and burned to their very cores. Fine willows in full vigor poured forth clouds of smoke from their half burned stems.

An examination of the charred remains of the trees revealed nothing in the way of explanation, but as the trees which met their fates were for the most part young there could hardly have been any putrescence or fermentation. Just why the willows should meet such sudden ends is not apparent.

The Man Next Door.

"Would you kindly permit me to write a postal card at your desk?" he asked of the man at the store door.

"Most certainly," was the reply. "It's to a fellow living next door to me, and his mongrel pup howls all night, and his cross eyed wife strums the piano all day. I want to give him a shot, you know."

"Exactly."

"Just lift him one for being an old nuisance. I feel like giving him the boot."

"You must. Where does he live?"

"No. 72 Blank street."

"And his pup is a mongrel and his wife cross eyed?"

"They are, and I'll bet dollars to cents that he himself would drum on a coal scuttle if his neighbors lay dying."

"Yes, I see. As the card is for me you needn't mail it. Just leave it there on the desk, and it will receive due attention. Pleasant weather for this time of year, and I think the crops are all right. Good day, sir—good day, and call again."

A Pointer For the Hobo.

"You see, it was this way," said the hobo as he put his inch of pipe into his pocket and coughed the frog out of his throat. "I left Pittsburg on the bumpers of a freight train. I'd gone twenty miles when a brakeman spies me out and says:

"'Hobo, are you a prayin' man?"

"'Nothin' to brag of,' says I.

"'But you can remember the Lord's Prayer?"

"'I might on a pinch, but what's the use?"

"'Oh, nothin', except that we shall have a head on collision in about five seconds, and you'd better scour up your conscience ag'in the crash.'"

"And with that we crashed into her and I went sailin'. How high I went or how hard I came down I don't know, but I had both legs broken and all my ribs cracked. The brakeman was killed, I'm sorry to say. You don't often meet a man like that who'll give you all the chances of goin' to heaven and take none himself."

One Bite; Caught Two.

A reliable fisherman from Michigan says he was fishing one day on Selkirk lake, Kalkaska county, for pickerel. There was a bite, and in due time the fisherman struck and hooked what he supposed to be a big pike. His surprise was great when he saw, instead of one fish, two. One, a two pound pike, had taken the hook in the regular way. The other weighed five pounds and had the line wrapped twice about its gills, so that it was hopelessly entangled.—New York Times.

Apples on the Half Shell.

A variation of baked apples has the somewhat fanciful name of "apples on the half shell." Slices of bread are cut into rounds (the cover of a half pound baking powder can makes a good size), buttered and put in a baking pan. Pare and core some large, good apples, cut them crosswise into inch thick slices, put one on each slice of bread, dust with granulated sugar and put in a hot oven. Bake twenty minutes and serve with plain or whipped cream.

An Awful Disappointment.

"The most disappointed man I ever saw," said a Baltimore financier, "was a poor wretch who was about to be hanged in one of the northeastern counties of Maryland. I happened to be there about the time and accepted an invitation to witness the execution. "This fellow's lawyers had been working hard to save his neck, and there seemed to be some possibility that he might be reprieved. The time set for the execution arrived, however, and the sheriff made plans to carry out the execution. The march to the scaffold had begun, and the prisoner was about to mount the steps when a messenger arrived, waving a telegram in his hand.

"The procession was at once stopped, and the sheriff took the telegram, but saw that it was addressed to the condemned man. He handed it to the fellow, who, trembling with hope, tore open the envelope. He cast his eager glance at the message, paled and let it drop from his hand. The sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was resumed. In a few minutes the man who had hoped for a reprieve was in eternity.

"The message was from some minister who had become interested in his case. It told him to trust in the Lord and he would be saved."—Washington Post.

An Evening Call.

"I called on Perkins last evening," remarked Mr. Brown.

"Did you have a pleasant time?" inquired Mrs. Brown.

"Very. Perkins was beating his wife when I went in."

"What?"

"I say Perkins was beating his wife, but of course he stopped when I came in."

"Well, I should hope so."

"I begged him to go on, but he said some other time would do just as well."

"You begged him to go on?"

"Why, yes. I didn't want to spoil the fun, you know."

"Oh, you brute! Do you mean to say that you could have looked calmly on while he beat his wife?"

"Certainly. Why not?"

"I thought you had at least a spark of manhood left. I suppose you will be beating me next."

"Yes; I think I could if you would play cribbage with me."

"Play cribbage?"

"Yes; that is what Perkins and his wife were doing."—London Telegraph.

Got His Price.

"Away over on the east side of the city," said a New Yorker, "lies the shop of a well known butcher, who rejoices in the euphonious and suggestive name of 'Four Cent Miller.' He sells meat in smallest quantity to his customers, and, as the coin of the realm in that locality is principally conspicuous by its absence, there is a constant effort to beat him down in price. The other day Miller and a would be customer all but came to blows over a pound or so of pork chops, and the discussion finally culminated in Miller brutally demanding:

"'Well, why don't you go to Smith (a rival butcher) if you can get them cheaper?"

"'Because,' explained the customer, 'Smith hasn't got any.'"

"'Oh!' said Miller, 'is that so? Well, when I haven't got any my price will be 4 cents, too, but while I have they cost 7 cents. See?"

"The customer saw and purchased."

—New York Tribune.

Alaska's Inhospitable Interior.

In the vast and almost unknown interior of Alaska the climate is arctic. The winter is of eight months' duration, dry and, excepting certain restricted localities, entirely free from wind. The temperature descends as low as 80 degrees, with a mean of perhaps 40 degrees. Ice forms in the rivers and lakes to a thickness of eight feet and more. Summer extends over four months. During its earliest month high winds prevail. The balance of this short season is mild and the temperature pleasant, rarely exceeding 86 degrees. The snow and rain annually precipitated is about 12.9 inches.—Era.

An Owl's Toes.

It is alleged that taxidermists are careless in the mounting of owls. In museums and elsewhere our wise eyed friends are set up with three toes in front of and one behind the perch on which they are seated. One who has observed the habits of the booters maintains that this is incorrect and that no living owl ever places three toes in front of his perch. How is this?—New York Press.

Nearing the Finish.

"How long has the minister been preaching?" whispered the stranger who had wandered into the church and sat down away back.

"About thirty years, I believe," replied the other occupant of the pew.

"That being the case," rejoined the stranger, "I guess I'll stay. He must be nearly done."—Chicago News.

Strange Misapprehension.

Borus—How do you like that last poem of mine?

Naggus—First rate. It's so restful, so soothing, don't you know.

Borus—Restful! Great Scott, man! It's an epic!

Naggus—Good heavens! I thought it was a lullaby!—Chicago Tribune.

His Good Wife.

Dr. Price—Your husband's trouble is melancholia. Now, you'd help him materially if you'd only arrange some pleasant surprise for him.

Mrs. Sharpe—I know! I know! I'll tell him you said he needn't bother about paying your bill till he feels like it.—Philadelphia Press.



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For the slender as well as crowded purse. Hundreds of useful and inexpensive presents.

A Big Line of Holiday Goods

Such as you will find nowhere else.

Oriental and Florentine Statuary.

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This price will buy fine all silk lined 27 inch Box Coats, also 42 inch garments worth up to \$12.00. We also include in this price, all our best and finest Jackets, worth up to \$20.00. Your choice only

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Prices for this engagement

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Seats on sale Monday morning at H. P. Dunn & Co's Store.

What about underwear? You certainly must need them this weather. Remember the sale price means less than cost now at Moberg's.

Jerry leggings are appreciated by everybody this cold weather. A little cash buys them at the Big 9, 6th St.

The Reason.

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circumstances had an amusing experience in a restaurant not long ago.

The waiter had brought him raw oysters, and, to his dismay, he saw that the professor had apparently no intention of tasting them.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the German slowly, without raising his eyes to the anxious waiter. The man seized the plate and bore it out of sight in an instant. He was a new waiter, and it was with much trepidation that he laid the second supply of oysters before this discriminating patron.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the professor after one glance at the plate which had been set before him.

"I—I think you'd find them all right, sir," faltered the waiter. "I don't think there's anything wrong about them, sir." He looked miserable, having been told that the German was a frequent and valued patron of the restaurant and must be well and quickly served.

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Says Mme. Tsilka Is Dead.

London, Dec. 21.—Semi-official news received here from Constantinople, the Rome correspondent of The Daily Telegraph cables, asserts that Mme. Tsilka is dead and that Miss Stone, the American captive, will be released almost immediately.

The Public Taste.

Several kind Workers pooled their efforts to insure the Waifs a happy Holiday. They rounded up the little Hickeys at a Mission and gave them a Free Show. Every Swipes in the Place was a Monday Night Gallery God, so the Church Talent was going against a knowing Proposition.

A pale young Man with amber Fire Escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have queered even a Supper Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump. When a Young Lady with Glasses tackled "Stabat Mater" on the Violin they broke her up with Cat Calls and told her to tear off some Rag Time. They bleated at the Amateur Elocutionist and acted Rowdy when a Stout Woman got up to read a Fairy Tale from Hans Christian Andersen. Then they began to yell for Mulligan and Hicks to come on and save the Show. Whereupon two pug faced Kids came forward and did a Hottentot Song and Dance with a Buck and Wing finish that killed them dead.

Moral.—The Waifs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.—New York Herald.

A Hard Character.

He—I went to the palmist's last week to have my character read.

She—Yes? What did he say?

He—He didn't say anything. He looked at my hand, coughed a bit and then gave me my money back.—New York Times.

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She straightened up, put her hats upon her hips and, with a withering stare, said: "I'm not one of those that does washing out of my own family. You're a fine gosssoon. I don't even know you by eyesight."

Turning to the two boys, she said, "Here, Joseph Ander, take Thomas Ander by the hand and lade him off till skule."

Said Joseph Ander, "I've not had me breakfast."

"Yes, and ye have. Ye had the blue duck's eggs and pancakes sopped in gravy. Now be off wid yees."

And Artemus said he thought it was time for him to go, lest she might take a fancy to wash his shirt without his taking it off.

The menu pleased him so much that he repeated it again and again, laughing heartily at each repetition, "The blue duck's eggs and pancakes sopped in gravy."

Trees That Burst Aflame.

Trees are subject to spontaneous combustion. The banks of the Cam river, in Cambridgeshire, England, have recently exhibited an unusual number of such cases, and young growing willows have been the victims in nearly every case. Cambridge used to pride itself upon its beautiful willows, and it was therefore with sorrow that the people discovered one morning the charred remains of what had once been a really beautiful specimen of the willow tree.

The fate of the tree naturally attracted attention to the phenomenon, and thereafter but too much opportunity was afforded for the study of it. At one point in the river in particular the process was seen. Green trees, covered with rich masses of foliage, suddenly burst forth into conflagration and burned to their very cores. Fine willows in full vigor poured forth clouds of smoke from their half burned stems.

An examination of the charred remains of the trees revealed nothing in the way of explanation, but as the trees which met their fates were for the most part young there could hardly have been any putrescence or fermentation. Just why the willows should meet such sudden ends is not apparent.

The Man Next Door.

"Would you kindly permit me to write a postal card at your desk?" he asked of the man at the store door.

"Most certainly," was the reply.

"It's to a fellow living next door to me, and his mongrel pup howls all night, and his cross eyed wife strums the piano all day. I want to give him a shot, you know."

"Exactly."

"Just lift him one for being an old nuisance. I feel like giving him the boot."

"You must. Where does he live?"

"No. 72 Blank street."

"And his pup is a mongrel and his wife cross eyed?"

"They are, and I'll bet dollars to cents that he himself would drum on a coal scuttle if his neighbors lay dying."

"Yes, I see. As the card is for me you needn't mail it. Just leave it there on the desk, and it will receive due attention. Pleasant weather for this time of year, and I think the crops are all right. Good day, sir—good day, and call again."

A Pointer For the Hobo.

"You see, it was this way," said the hobo as he put his inch of pipe into his pocket and coughed the frog out of his throat. "I left Pittsburg on the bumpers of a freight train. I'd gone twenty miles when a brakeman spies me out and says:

"'Hobo, are you a prayin' man?"

"'Nothin' to brag of,' says I.

"'But you can remember the Lord's Prayer?"

"'I might on a pinch, but what's the use?"

"'Oh, nothin', except that we shall have a head on collision in about five seconds, and you'd better scour up your conscience ag'in the crash."

"And with that he crashed into her and I went sailin'. How high I went or how hard I came down I don't know, but I had both legs broken and all my ribs cracked. The brakeman was killed, I'm sorry to say. You don't often meet a man like that who'll give you all the chances of goin' to heaven and take none himself."

One Bite Caught Two.

A reliable fisherman from Michigan says he was fishing one day on Selkirk lake, Kalkaska county, for pickerel. There was a bite, and in due time the fisherman struck and hooked what he supposed to be a big pike. His surprise was great when he saw, instead of one fish, two. One, a two pound pike, had taken the hook in the regular way. The other weighed five pounds and had the line wrapped twice about its gills, so that it was hopelessly entangled.—*New York Times*.

Apples on the Half Shell.

A variation of baked apples has the somewhat fanciful name of "apples on the half shell." Slices of bread are cut into rounds (the cover of a half pound baking powder can makes a good size), buttered and put in a baking pan. Pare and core some large, good apples, cut them crosswise into inch thick slices, put one on each slice of bread, dust with granulated sugar and put in a hot oven. Bake twenty minutes and serve with plain or whipped cream.

An Awful Disappointment.

"The most disappointed man I ever saw," said a Baltimore financier, "was a poor wretch who was about to be hanged in one of the northeastern counties of Maryland. I happened to be there about the time and accepted an invitation to witness the execution.

"This fellow's lawyers had been working hard to save his neck, and there seemed to be some possibility that he might be reprieved. The time set for the execution arrived, however, and the sheriff made plans to carry out the execution. The march to the scaffold had begun, and the prisoner was about to mount the steps when a messenger arrived, waving a telegram in his hand.

"The procession was at once stopped, and the sheriff took the telegram, but saw that it was addressed to the condemned man. He handed it to the fellow, who, trembling with hope, tore open the envelope. He cast his eager glance at the message, paled and let it drop from his hand. The sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was resumed. In a few minutes the man who had hoped for a reprieve was in eternity.

"The message was from some minister who had become interested in his case. It told him to trust in the Lord and he would be saved."—*Washington Post*.

An Evening Call.

"I called on Perkins last evening," remarked Mr. Brown.

"Did you have a pleasant time?" inquired Mrs. Brown.

"Very. Perkins was beating his wife when I went in."

"What?"

"I say Perkins was beating his wife, but of course he stopped when I came in."

"Well, I should hope so."

"I begged him to go on, but he said some other time would do just as well."

"You begged him to go on?"

"Why, yes. I didn't want to spoil the fun, you know."

"Oh, you brute! Do you mean to say that you could have looked calmly on while he beat his wife?"

"Certainly. Why not?"

"I thought you had at least a spark of manhood left. I suppose you will be beating me next."

"Yes; I think I could if you would play cribbage with me."

"Play cribbage?"

"Yes; that is what Perkins and his wife were doing."—*London Telegraph*.

Got His Price.

"Away over on the east side of the city," said a New Yorker, "lies the shop of a well known butcher, who rejoices in the euphonious and suggestive name of 'Four Cent Miller.' He sells meat in smallest quantity to his customers, and, as the coin of the realm in that locality is principally conspicuous by its absence, there is a constant effort to beat him down in price. The other day Miller and a would be customer all but came to blows over a pound or so of pork chops, and the discussion finally culminated in Miller loudly demanding:

"'Well, why don't you go to Smith (a rival butcher) if you can get them cheaper?"

"'Because,' explained the customer, 'Smith hasn't got any.'

"'Oh!' said Miller, 'is that so? Well, when I haven't got any my price will be 4 cents, too, but while I have they cost 7 cents. See?"

"The customer saw and purchased."

—*New York Tribune*.

Alaska's Inhospitable Interior.

In the vast and almost unknown interior of Alaska the climate is arctic. The winter is of eight months' duration, dry and, excepting certain restricted localities, entirely free from wind. The temperature descends as low as 80 degrees, with a mean of perhaps 40 degrees. Ice forms in the rivers and lakes to a thickness of eight feet and more. Summer extends over four months. During its earliest month high winds prevail. The balance of this short season is mild and the temperature pleasant, rarely exceeding 80 degrees. The snow and rain annually precipitated is about 12.9 inches.—*Era*.

An Owl's Toes.

It is alleged that taxidermists are careless in the mounting of owls. In museums and elsewhere our wise eyed friends are set up with three toes in front of and one behind the perch on which they are seated. One who has observed the habits of the booters maintains that this is incorrect and that no living owl ever places three toes in front of his perch. How is this?—*New York Press*.

Nearing the Finish.

"How long has the minister been preaching?" whispered the stranger who had wandered into the church and sat down away back.

"About thirty years, I believe," replied the other occupant of the pew.

"That being the case," rejoined the stranger, "I guess I'll stay. He must be nearly done."—*Chicago News*.

Strange Misapprehension.

Borus—How do you like that last poem of mine?

Naggus—First rate. It's so restful, so soothing, don't you know.

Borus—Restful! Great Scott, man! It's an epic!

Naggus—Good heavens! I thought it was a lullaby!—*Chicago Tribune*.

His Good Wife.

Dr. Price—Your husband's trouble is melancholia. Now, you'd help him materially if you'd only arrange some pleasant surprise for him.

Mrs. Sharpe—I know! I know! I'll tell him you said he needn't bother about paying your bill till he feels like it.—*Philadelphia Press*.



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The Reason.

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circumstances had an amusing experience in a restaurant not long ago.

The waiter had brought him raw oysters, and, to his dismay, he saw that the professor had apparently no intention of tasting them.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the German slowly, without raising his eyes to the anxious waiter. The man seized the plate and bore it out of sight in an instant. He was a new waiter, and it was with much trepidation that he laid the second supply of oysters before this discriminating patron.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the professor after one glance at the plate which had been set before him.

"I—I think you'd find them all right, sir," faltered the waiter. "I don't think there's anything wrong about them, sir." He looked miserable, having been told that the German was a frequent and valued patron of the restaurant and must be well and quickly served.

"I cannot eat these oysters," announced the professor for the third time, with the calmness of chorus in a tragedy, "because as yet you have furnished me no fork."—*Youth's Companion*.

Says Mme. Tsilka Is Dead.

London, Dec. 21.—Semi-official news received here from Constantinople, the Rome correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* cables, asserts that Mme. Tsilka is dead and that Miss Stone, the American captive, will be released almost immediately.

The Public Taste.

Several kind Workers pooled their efforts to insure the Waifs a happy Holiday. They rounded up the little Hickeys at a Mission and gave them a Free Show. Every Swipes in the Place was a Monday Night Gallery God, so the Church Talent was going against a knowing Proposition.

A pale young Man with amber Fire Escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have queered even a Supper Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump. When a Young Lady with Glasses tackled "Stabat Mater" on the Violin they broke her up with Cat Calls and told her to tear off some Rag Time. They blent at the Amateur Elocutionist and acted Rowdy when a Stout Woman got up to read a Fairy Tale from Hans Christian Andersen. Then they began to yell for Mulligan and Hicks to come on and save the Show. Whereupon two pug faced Kids came forward and did a Hottentot Song and Dance with a Buck and Wing finish that killed them dead.

Moral.—The Waifs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.—*New York Herald*.

A Hard Character.

He—I went to the palmist's last week to have my character read. She—Yes? What did he say? He—He didn't say anything. He looked at my hand, coughed a bit and then gave me my money back.—*New York Times*.

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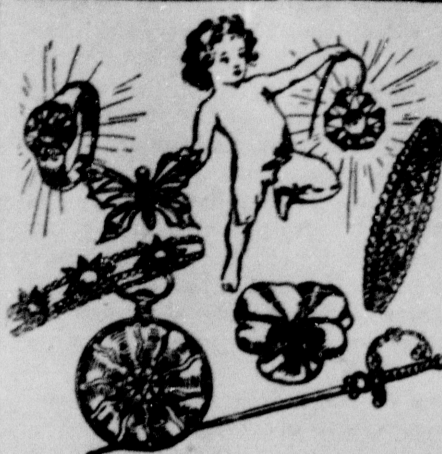
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Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to express her heartfelt thanks to the A. O. U. W. for the prompt manner in which the insurance of her late husband was paid. Their promptness will always be remembered.

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A GOOD MEASURE.

Capt. W. A. Mercer Shown the Morris Bill for Disposition of Timber on Reservation.

The Walker Pilot man recently handed to Capt. W. A. Mercer a copy of Congressman Morris' bill relating to the disposition of timber on the Chippewa reservation. Capt. Mercer returned the bill with the following remarks relating thereto:

I return herewith the Morris bill. It is a good measure and the Indians and northern Minnesota should derive great benefits from its provisions if put into effect. One of its best features is the discretionary power placed with the secretary, in this respect a happy contrast to the general run of proposed measures weighed down with mandatory and impracticable provisions whereby the legislative branch usurps that which should be left to the discretion of the executive.

The present act of January 14, 1889, is an illustration of this—being an excellent measure for the time of its enactment, but, considered at a period ten years later, some of its provisions are necessarily, or, as a matter of fact, obsolete and impracticable, and from its mandatory nature makes necessary the Morris bill, or some similar measure. But it is unnecessary to discuss this matter with you, as you thoroughly understand the conditions and needs of the timber and agricultural lands of these reservations and ceded portions.

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Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to express her heartfelt thanks to the A. O. U. W. for the prompt manner in which the insurance of her late husband was paid. Their promptness will always be remembered.

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The Big 9, have a nice assortment of slippers and felt goods at low prices.

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A GOOD MEASURE.

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The Walker Pilot man recently handed to Capt. W. A. Mercer a copy of Congressman Morris' bill relating to the disposition of timber on the Chippewa reservation. Capt. Mercer returned the bill with the following remarks relating thereto:

I return herewith the Morris bill. It is a good measure and the Indians and northern Minnesota should derive great benefits from its provisions if put into effect. One of its best features is the discretionary power placed with the secretary, in this respect a happy contrast to the general run of proposed measures weighed down with mandatory and impracticable provisions whereby the legislative branch usurps that which should be left to the discretion of the executive.

The present act of January 14, 1889, is an illustration of this—being an excellent measure for the time of its enactment; but, considered at a period ten years later, some of its provisions are necessarily, or, as a matter of fact, obsolete and impracticable, and from its mandatory nature makes necessary the Morris bill, or some similar measure. But it is unnecessary to discuss this matter with you, as you thoroughly understand the conditions and needs of the timber and agricultural lands of these reservations and ceded portions.

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Much of Major Scott's active service has been with his regiment in the southwest where it has been stationed almost continuously since he was assigned to it. For the past eight or ten years, however, he has been detailed to duty in the Indian service. He was first assigned to duty in Wisconsin, at the La Pointe agency. He remained there for several years in charge of logging operations; and performed other duties incident to the detail. At the beginning of the McKinley administration, he was transferred to Fort Sill, Okla., where the Apache prisoners of war are confined, among them Geronimo, the fiercest leader of that fierce tribe. In the opinion of the Indian office and interior department his service in Wisconsin fits him for the duties of Indian agent at Leech Lake, and his assignment pleased Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Jones.

Our gold enamel for decorative gilding is washable. Losey & Dean.

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"QUO VADIS,"

"Quo Vadis," which comes to the Brainerd Opera House, Jan. 1, afternoon and evening is replete with good acting and superb new scenic effects. Mr. Carpenter is featuring James A. Young this season, and has surrounded him with a capable cast, which includes Mr. C. H. Fornham, Harry Morton, Wm. Loyd, Edward Scribner, Fred R. Clarke, Wm. Melroy, Bertie Clark, R. Boniface Jones, Cal. C. Clay, and Misses Lillian Lancaster, Elsie Mertens, Marie LaBrady, Ada Head, Mrs. Harry Morton.

The people of Brainerd are afforded an excellent opportunity this week to hear a good stock company. The Chase-Lister Company comes to Brainerd with an enviable reputation. "Wicked London" is the bill for tomorrow night; of this production the State Journal of Lincoln, Neb., has the following to say:

"Wicked London" proved a vehicle of delight to the gallery gods at the Funke last night and the Chase-Lister Company kept the large audience delightfully entertained. The specialties by the Krafts, Earnest Robison, and Clint and Bessie Robbins are featuree each night.

The following is taken from the Fargo Forum of recent date:

Many items were crowded out of yesterday's Forum, among them a complimentary notice of the Chase-Lister company, which is playing a week in the local theatre in repertoire. Fargo people are always a trifle leary of repertoire companies but the Chase-Lister company is an exception and the productions deserve large audiences. A Senator's Daughter Monday night and a Man of Mystery last night gave splendid satisfaction and everyone who attended is endeavoring to have friends take in the performances. The company is nicely balanced and the plays are given in better style than by many of the high price aggregations.

In addition to the regular productions there are a number of pleasing specialties introduced, with changes each evening.

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Never before has there been presented to lovers of music in this city a concert like the one heard last night. The organization of fifty trained artists eclipses anything that travels in this country of a like nature. Signor Creatore, the conductor and leader of the band, is a wonder, and from the moment he steps on the front of the stage and faces his band the soul seems to have been touched and it is carried aloft, swayed backward and forward, soaring to heights unknown and then descending again to worldly planes. The leader enters into the music with his whole soul and for the time he appears to be entirely unconscious of his surroundings, and the outbursts of his musical soul add to the intensity of the production. The band is completely under his control and the remarkable precision with which it plays is awe inspiring. With the leaders' wonderful power and the phenomenal work of the band great effects are produced from the most delicate phrasing to the powerful sonorous climaxes in Offenbach's overture, "Orfeo," Verdi's "Il Trovatore" and Rossini's "William Tell." The mastery with which Creatore wields his baton and seems to draw from the instruments the various sounds carrying the audience along with some cyclonic force that is indescribable. It is a wonderful organization and those who did not hear the band missed the event of their lives.

"QUO VADIS,"

"Quo Vadis," which comes to the Brainerd Opera House, Jan. 1, afternoon and evening is replete with good acting and superb new scenic effects. Mr. Carpenter is featuring James A. Young this season, and has surrounded him with a capable cast, which includes Mr. C. H. Fornham, Harry Morton, Wm. Loyd, Edward Scribner, Fred R. Clarke, Wm. Melroy, Bertie Clark, R. Boniface Jones, Cal. C. Clay, and Misses Lillian Lancaster, Elsie Mertens, Marie La-Brady, Ada Head, Mrs. Harry Morton.

The people of Brainerd are afforded an excellent opportunity this week to hear a good stock company. The Chase-Lister Company comes to Brainerd with an enviable reputation. "Wicked London" is the bill for tomorrow night; of this production the State Journal of Lincoln, Neb., has the following to say:

"Wicked London" proved a vehicle of delight to the gallery gods at the Funke last night and the Chase-Lister Company kept the large audience delightfully entertained. The specialties by the Krafts, Earnest Robison, and Clint and Bessie Robbins are feature each night.

The following is taken from the Fargo Forum of recent date:

Many items were crowded out of yesterday's Forum, among them a complimentary notice of the Chase-Lister company, which is playing a week in the local theatre in repertoire. Fargo people are always a trifle leary of repertoire companies but the Chase-Lister company is an exception and the productions deserve large audiences. A Senator's Daughter Monday night and a Man of Mystery last night gave splendid satisfaction and everyone who attended is endeavoring to have friends take in the performances. The company is nicely balanced and the plays are given in better style than by many of the high price aggregations.

In addition to the regular productions there are a number of pleasing specialties introduced, with changes each evening.

An excellent opportunity is afforded all the week to see clean, wholesome plays at popular prices.

On the table of bargains at Westfall & Georgeson's you will find suitable gifts for old or young, and at prices and goods that cannot be duplicated in the city. Come and see them.

FOR SALE--Furniture at 615, South Sixth street. 3t

We show the best imported and high grade of perfumes money can buy at bottom prices.

M. K. SWARTZ.

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What kind of goods we display and offer Holi-
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The most complete stock of Up-to-Date Furs,
Collars, Scarfs, Collarettes, Muffs, Capes, Jack-
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A Special line of Dress Goods at Bottom
Figure.

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Table Cloths, Table Linen, Towels, Tidies, etc.

A fine assortment of Cloaks, Jackets and
Capes.

A Good stock of Children's Jackets and long
Cloaks.

The best assortment of Ladies' Kid Gloves in
the city.

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of all kinds we have ever displayed.

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Don't miss this splendid stock of always ac-
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Shoes for Children, Misses, Ladies, Men's and
Boys as well as Babies.

This stock of shoes is as complete in variety,
value and worth as can be wished for. Prices
are low which goes without saying.

Our stock of Neckwear, Ribbons, Laces, Ho-
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Ladies' wishing to make selections of

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Would consult their best interests by looking
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YOU KNOW what we are doing in our Cloth-
ing Stock.

We'll just repeat, We offer all of our clothing
Stock, Boys' Men's and Children's at actual
COST. Think this all over and give us a call.

We will give you the Glad Hand.

HENRY I. COHEN,

610 Front Street.

Postoffice Hours for Christmas.

The general delivery and carriers' windows at the postoffice will be open from 9:00 a. m. until 10:00 a. m., and immediately after the distribution of the noon mail on Christmas day. There will be one business delivery by carrier between 8:00 and 9:00 a. m. 174-5 N. H. INGERSOLL, P. M.

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Rare pieces of china ware at Swartz's drug store.

Furniture, carpets and stoves sold on small payments at D. M. Clark & Co.

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To see the beautiful and remarkable cheap line of handkerchiefs, gloves, ties and shirts at Westfall & Georgeson's means a purchase for some dear friend.

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For bargains that are rare and goods that are good, Westfall & Georgeson's closing out sale defies competition. One visit through the store will prove it.

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Rich cut glass, the finest patterns of Libby's at Swartz's.

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You need not go to Buffalo to see the grand illumination. Call at the "Circle Front."

Do you want a trunk? Call on D. M. Clark & Co.

Copies of the old masters faithfully reproduced are among the attractions at Marie A. Canan's studio.

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Children's story and picture book at H. P. Dunn & Co's.

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Till you can't rest. Come and see it. MARONEY. If

See our stock. No charge at Losey & Dean.

GERMAN TRADE CRISIS.

Attitude of Russia the Most Alarming Problem.

THREATS COME FROM ALL SIDES.

The Czar's Ability to Strike Quickly and Effectively the Deterring Influence in Tariff Legislation—Germany Girding Herself for Great Struggle With the Nations.

Germany, according to a special cablegram from Berlin to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is girding herself for a great struggle with the nations over the question of tariffs.

Now that the tariff bill is well under way in the reichstag each day brings threats from all parts of the globe. Italy rages at the drebund; Austria-Hungary is in an ungovernable fury; France declares that she will pay her Teutonic neighbor back with compound interest; Roumania sulks; Belgium fumes; Switzerland gnashes her teeth. Even the United States looks on with sternly critical eye.

But there is another and a more dangerous enemy to be reckoned with. Russia is the real piece de resistance. While Count von Kanitz, the Agrarian leader, declares that the shaping of Germany's commercial relations with America will be the most important task of the next decade, St. Petersburg is looked upon by most Germans as most to be feared in the immediate future. M. de Witte has given a broad hint of what Russia may be expected to do in certain contingencies, and Herr Richter has reminded his countrymen of Russia's ability to strike without parliamentary delay.

The result of raising the grain duties would almost inevitably be a tariff war with Russia. Germany might retaliate against the United States, but scarcely against Russia. Since the conclusion of the present German-Russo treaty German exports to Russia have more than doubled; hence the interests at stake are most serious.

In German government circles a still greater danger is thought possible. Russia without modifying her tariff could strike Germany a terrible blow. She would only have to prevent her peasants from crossing the German frontier in spring and autumn to sow and reap, and Prussia's corn either would never grow or would rot on the stalk.

This is Germany's vulnerable spot, her heel of Achilles. No doubt her eastern land owners regard the low prices of corn as a cruel trial, but the greatest calamity that could befall them would be the cutting off of the supply of laborers.

Count von Bulow's almost arrogant assertions in the reichstag that Germany will not allow her domestic policy to be dictated by outside influences are patriotic, but they do not divert attention in Germany from the fact that the unusual pressure exerted upon the separate German states by the financial position of the empire is becoming more and more unfavorable.

Back of the new tariff there is something more than complaisance toward the agrarians. The ambition to become a great sea power as well as a great land power and the general restlessness which has been the German temper for some time are luxuries that must be paid for. Germany has been trying to expand in every direction at once, and she has overreached herself.

It is not likely, however, that the new tariff bill, if it ever passes, will leave the reichstag for a year, and in the meantime there will be an opportunity to amend it in the light of the economic situation in Germany and the attitude of foreign countries.

STORY OF JOHN W. MACKAY

His Kindness to Mme. Sembrich During the Illness of Her Son.

When Mme. Sembrich was singing in opera a few weeks ago in San Francisco, she learned of the critical condition of her ten-year-old son, whose death occurred recently in Dresden. The singer cabled every day to her husband in Dresden, for information about the boy's condition, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The fact printed in the San Francisco papers reached the eye of John W. Mackay, who was then in that city. He had heard Mme. Sembrich sing for the first time and was impressed not only by the great purity of her voice, but also by the fact that her anxiety over the critical condition of her son did not affect the superiority of her acting.

Mr. Mackay had never met the great soprano, but he nevertheless took the liberty of writing to her, expressing his admiration for her work and his sympathy for her and begged her to accept the free use of the cable facilities which he controls during the illness of her son.

He Had Had Too Many.

A good story is told of Jim Younger when he was in Duluth recently. It is well known that he is very much averse to notoriety and always registers under a fictitious name in order to avoid it. He stepped up to the office of one of the Duluth hotels, and after putting down something like "Peter Jones, Pearl Lake," he asked to be assigned a room, says the Duluth News-Tribune. After ascertaining about how much the guest wished to pay the clerk said that the most desirable room left was a courtroom.

"Courtroom, hey? Well, I guess I don't want it." And Younger strode out of the room.

"Now, I wonder what he meant by saying 'court room' in such a funny way?" And the hotel clerk, unconscious of the identity of his guest and his entirely natural aversion for courtrooms, straightway forgot the incident.

FAMOUS BOER LEADER.

Facts About Commandant Krutzinger, Captured by General French.

Commandant Krutzinger, the famous Boer commander, who has just been captured by General French in South Africa, has frequently been referred to as a Cape Colony rebel. If he is really a British subject, he will doubtless meet the same fate as Lotter and be shot as a traitor.

Krutzinger has been among the most prominent of the Boer commanders ever since the South African war started, says the New York Times. Lately he has been even more active than at first, and last summer no less than seven British columns were in hot pursuit of him at one time. On June 2 he captured Jamestown, Cape Colony. On Aug. 13 his commando was routed near Steynsburg by Colonel Goring, but he succeeded in gathering his men together again and was next heard of on Sept. 20, when he inflicted heavy loss on Lovat's scouts. Subsequently he failed to force a crossing of the Orange river. Then for a time he dropped out of sight. It is supposed that he imitated De Wet's example and retired from the field for awhile, subsequently forming another commando.

Although not so spectacular a figure as De Wet, Krutzinger is said to be the equal of the famous Free Stater as a strategist. He succeeded in evading his pursuers with the same extraordinary ability as De Wet. Like him, Krutzinger has been repeatedly "cornered" and has often been got away. Like De Wet's, his force seemed to become invisible at will. One week he would be reported as having over 1,000 men in his commando, and the next, when the British had concentrated, his troops would apparently have vanished from the face of the earth. His escape after failing to cross the Orange river was a typical instance of his ability. He was driven toward the river, and when it was known that he had found himself unable to ford it, it was supposed that he was in a trap from which there was no escape. He was next heard of fifty miles in the rear of the British, threatening the railroad, having broken up his commando into two sections.

Krutzinger is by no means a typical Boer in appearance. An officer of the British intelligence department who fell into his hands described him as a fine looking man about 5 feet 10 inches in height, broadly built and speaking English perfectly. Krutzinger was attired in lavender colored trousers, with yellow gaiters, a well cut coat, a starched white linen shirt and brand new tall top hat with a pugaree. He wore gloves and carried a hunting crop. His men were well dressed, and all their horses were in splendid condition.

DIRT EATERS, A NEW SECT.

Vitaphonists Take a Spoonful of Sand a Day For Health.

Newest and most singular of St. Louis sects are the Dirt Eaters, a community of seventy-five men and women whose Moses is William Windsor, says the New York World. The Dirt Eaters take every day a spoonful of dirt. Their leader believes that dirt is necessary to every animal and that because man will have no dirt in his food he is subject to many stomach troubles that no other animal has.

So the Dirt Eater goes every day to his little sack of soil. He plunges a teaspoon in and brings it forth heaped with good old earth. He washes it down with a glass of water, smacking his lips and blinking his eyes as though no morsel e'er tickled the palate of man so deliciously as dirt.

The Dirt Eater is particular what sort of dirt he eats. He would be no true epicure if he were not. This article of his singular diet is technically sand. It comes from the river bottoms and is made up of many little particles of granite, marble, quartz and flint well rounded with age. The chief Dirt Eater has this collected and sterilized, and he distributes it among his followers at 25 cents a sack.

Leader Windsor calls his philosophy of life vitaphony.

ROOSEVELT'S SYMPATHY.

Expressed For a Rough Rider Who Got No Chance to Fight.

Probably the autograph of President Roosevelt which gives the best insight into his character is that on the back of the discharge papers of Major Dunn, late of Washington, but now on the staff of General Wood in Cuba, says a dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Press. Major Dunn belonged to the Roosevelt rough riders and had good fighting stock in him, but he was among the unlucky fellows who got no farther than Florida and whose only fight was with mosquitoes and flies. For these men Colonel Roosevelt was often heard to express the most profound sympathy.

He and young Dunn were good friends, and President Roosevelt entertained the Washington officer often before his departure for Cuba. When it came to signing Dunn's discharge from the volunteer army, the president handled the paper for some time and then expressed with the same pen his profound admiration for a man who performed such a disagreeable task during the Spanish-American war with such credit as did Major Dunn and his sympathy for a fellow who could not fight when fighting was in progress.

Canada's East Seacoast.

The eastern Canadian seacoast from the bay of Fundy to the strait of Belle Isle covers a distance of 5,000 miles, and British Columbia, with its multitude of bays and mountainous islands, has a seacoast of 7,180 miles and a salt water lashing area, not including minor indentations, of 1,500 square miles.

ROOSEVELT AS A RIDER

How He Has Checked the Automobiling Fad in Washington.

HORSEBACK RIDING THE VOGUE

The President's Partiality For It Has Given That Form of Recreation a Boom in the National Capital—Invitation to Go Riding With Him a Special Mark of Favor.

President Roosevelt has dealt a heavy blow to the fad of automobiling, says J. S. Henry, a Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. He and Mrs. Roosevelt have made horseback riding the vogue. The horseless carriage has been deserted for the saddle. Few occupants of the White House have set the pace so quickly as have the Roosevelts. Their influence has been healthful, and an interest in athletics, with indulgence in vigorous outdoor exercise, has been the result.

In this change of the fashion and habit of Washington's smart set the Roosevelts have acted their part unconsciously. They have merely brought to the White House the customs and habits of life they have always practiced in their private home. What they do is done naturally and without thought of setting the example of inviting imitation. President and Mrs. Roosevelt ride horseback because they enjoy the exercise and love the animals.

The president seeks outdoor exercise in riding and walking because he is naturally fond of it and because it is absolutely necessary as a tonic and preservative of his splendid health. Two or three hours spent in the open air galloping along country roads and across open commons or trudging on foot through the streets and suburbs enable him to renew his spirits and relieve the oppression of a day's work in his office, where matters of state engage his attention and politicians annoy him at every turn.

When the weather is fine and the country roads are in good condition, President and Mrs. Roosevelt go out on horseback almost daily. They are usually accompanied by two or three friends, and sometimes Miss Roosevelt takes the place of her mother. After passing the limits of the city restraint is cast off, and it is a merry party that puts the horses through their paces. President Roosevelt usually leads in all adventure, and where a stretch of country affords exhibitions of horsemanship he jumps ditches, fences and hurdles in the shape of low bushes, while the rest of the party follow, endeavoring to take every leap of their leader.

Mrs. Roosevelt is a good rider and sits her mount as safely as her distinguished husband, and other members of the family down to young Kermit, who is wrestling with a stubborn Shetland pony, are at home in the saddle.

It is regarded as a mark of particular favor to be invited to lunch or dine with the president, but those who want to get close to Mr. Roosevelt find their advantage when invited to accompany him on a horseback ride. A recent appointment in Indiana has brought Senator Beveridge of that state to the front as an influential political factor. The appointment was not in accordance with Senator Fairbanks' judgment, but was insisted upon by Mr. Beveridge. Those who were surprised at the recognition given the young man over his more experienced colleague believe they have found the explanation. Mr. Beveridge is a frequent companion of President Roosevelt on the latter's gallops through the country. A mutual love for the horse has brought these strenuous men together.

Mr. Beveridge is so delighted with his horseback outings with Mr. Roosevelt that he has purchased a new mount and a few days ago brought it around to the White House to exhibit it to the president. The latter instantly brushed business aside and hurried down to the rear of the White House, where the new animal was in charge of a groom. He and the Hoosier senator examined the animal carefully, feeling its limbs, looking at its teeth and eyes and going over it with all the airs of expert horse dealers. The president commended the senator's choice, and that afternoon a gallop over the Virginia hills tested the qualities of the new steed.

When they returned, they came up the circular driveway to the front of the White House, and both animals showed the effects of their run. They were steaming in sweat, with flecks of foam on their breast and flanks. The president was in high glee, his hat tilted slightly to one side and to the back and his dress showing some little disorder from the ride. But Senator Beveridge was in perfect trim and could have that moment entered the senate chamber in his riding habit. He wore a shining silk hat, which sat upon his head as straight and exact as though it had been adjusted before a mirror. His black frock coat was closely buttoned, his hands neatly gloved, and when he dismounted at the White House steps there was neither fleck nor flaw in his attire. The knife blade crease of his trousers had not even been broken. President Roosevelt cast an admiring glance at his young companion, whose senatorial dignity and composure had so completely withstood the wild ride over the Virginia hills.

His Wants.

Want horse and driver
Want Christmas comes
An' wagon loads
Of sugar plums,
But never a date
For daisy wine!
—Atlanta Constitution.

WHEN EDWARD IS CROWNED

Correct Costume For British King's Coronation in Westminster Abbey.

In his capacity of earl marshal the Duke of Norfolk, the premier peer of Great Britain, has to regulate the details of the robes to be worn by peers and peeresses entitled to be present at the coronation of King Edward in Westminster abbey, now fixed for June 26, next year. Patterns of the robes, after the most authentic precedents, were recently exhibited at the Duke of Norfolk's private house, St. James square, London, the robes of a baron and baroness being taken as the basis for the robes of the various ranks of



CORONATION ROBES OF A BARON. nobility, the distinctions being shown by variations in the coronets and in the bars of ermine worn on the cape.

The waxwork models of the baron and baroness, with her velvet train spread out behind her, set in the center of the drawing room of Norfolk House, gave, says the London Daily Graphic, a good idea of the splendid appearance the dresses of the peerage may be expected to make in the abbey at the coronation, due to the mass of red velvet and white ermine, the peer's extra ornament being simply the gold



CORONATION ROBES OF A BARONESS.

lace on the breast of his dress and the peeress' her pearl necklace. The costumes represent the old national colors of the banner of St. George—argent, or silver, for the field and gules, or rose red, for the cross.

TO STEER BY ELECTRICITY.

Englishman Invents a System of Naval Value.

Some interesting experiments in regard to the utility of electricity for steering vessels have been conducted recently aboard the Earl of Crawford's steam yacht Valhalla in Cowes roads in the presence of the inventor, the Hon. R. Brougham; the Earl of Crawford, the Earl of Dunraven and representatives of the British admiralty and Japanese navy, says the London Mail.

An important part of the system is a contrivance for steering from any part of the ship. By leading three wires throughout the length of the vessel it is possible to have any number of steering positions either above or below the water line, with simple electrical connections to the three wires.

This feature, it is believed, will prove a great boon to warships, as the necessary duplication of ordinary steel shafting and gear wheels is subject to risk of disarrangement while in action.

Illumination of Navigable Waters.

A Canadian patent has been granted for a system designed to do away with the lighthouses, buoys and the entire paraphernalia for night navigation between Montreal and Quebec and to substitute a submerged electric system which, however, will apply to all inland navigable waters. The main idea, according to the New York Times, is to sink an electric cable in the center of the navigable channels, with power transmitted from a power house at Montreal, and lines of colored lights at or above the water level each side of the channel, the lights on one side being of a different color from those on the other side and supported by cork floats. The idea, if not exactly novel, is interesting and will provide a method of lighting obscure channels.

Electric Sight the Latest.

The Independence Bells of Brussels says that Dr. Sylvestre, formerly an American but now a naturalized French physician, has invented a spectrograph which enables users of the telephone to see each other.

A KING WOULD VISIT US

American Minister Writes of Siamese Monarch's Wish.

WANTS A HEARTY INVITATION.

But It Must Come From the United States, Says Minister King—All His Expenses to Be Paid Too—Senator Frye Introduces a Bill in the Senate.

His majesty the king of Siam wants to visit the United States. His programme is to come as a guest of the nation, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York Press. Congress is asked to furnish him with a royal escort and pay all of his bills.

The opportunity to welcome a royal personage in proper state is so rarely afforded that something more than a ripple of interest was created the other day when Senator Frye, as acting chairman of the committee on foreign relations, introduced in the senate a resolution authorizing the president of the United States to extend to his majesty an invitation to visit this country as the guest of the nation.

Another provision of the resolution appropriated a blank sum out of the national treasury "for the purpose of enabling the president of the United States to extend suitable hospitalities to the king of Siam."

The documents which Senator Frye submitted to the senate in connection with this resolution were interesting. They stated that Hamilton King, the American minister at Bangkok, had been informed unofficially that the



KING OF SIAM.

Siamese king "would be pleased to visit America in the near future," and Mr. King's formal and official letter, in which he communicated this fact, asserted that the visit of his majesty undoubtedly would add to the intimate and cordial relations now existing between the two countries.

Far more entertaining, however, than this formal communication was a lengthy epistle, marked "confidential," but which also had been transmitted to the senate. In this letter Minister King set forth some facts about the royal ruler's proposed visit which were not referred to in his other document.

Minister King took occasion to recall, in the first place, that while his majesty was on a tour through Europe "some circumstances occurred which gave rise to much newspaper comment and no end of misunderstanding." While these circumstances are not specifically mentioned, it will be remembered that they were of a nature that did furnish lively talk in the newspapers. It is against a repetition of this comment and a misrepresentation, says Minister King, that his royal highness wishes to guard himself.

He evidently does not wish to trust himself to American newspapers unless he comes as the nation's guest, for, says Minister King, "he is a man of fine feeling and rare caution."

In further discussion just how the king of Siam shall come to the United States the American minister at Bangkok remarks that it is easy enough to arrange visits between monarchs, but that his royal highness appreciates that coming to a republic is a very different thing.

"He would be glad to come," writes Minister King, "in a private capacity for the sake of the education it would be to him and his people, but he naturally feels a shrinking and fear that to go in such a capacity, especially in view of the grasping position Uncle Sam is just now interpreted as assuming."

Unless his majesty came by direct invitation of the president, Minister King thinks, it might be assumed that he was not wanted and that his visit was a matter of indifference. This, says Minister King, would lead to much misrepresentation.

New Use For the Postoffice.

The postoffice in India not only collects and delivers letters, parcels and other articles, but acts to a certain extent as a banker to the general public, sells quinine and salt, pays military pensions and collects the revenue accruing to the government from land and other sources, says Pearson's Weekly. But to the fertile brain of one of the oldest officers in the department is due the latest development in the work of the postoffice. The Punjab postoffice has come forward as an elementary teacher. It not only collects letters and delivers them, but teaches boys in elementary schools how to write them and address the covers.

DISAGREES WITH SCHWAB.

Woman Criticizes Steel Magnate's Attitude Toward Labor Unions.

A woman tried conclusions with Charles M. Schwab, the president of the United States Steel corporation, at the labor council of the National Civic federation in New York the other day.

The woman was Mrs. Mary Rea, the wife of Daniel Rea of Elmhurst, N. Y. She spent fifteen years of her life at the loom. All the morning Mrs. Rea sat inconspicuously in a corner of the room listening to the addresses. It was when Mr. Schwab arose and started to speak that she moved forward and listened intently, says the New York Journal. When Mr. Schwab attacked labor unions, her face showed earnest dissent.

At the conclusion of the session many of the distinguished men present gathered about Mr. Schwab. Among them was Thomas O'Donnell, secretary of the National Spinners' association of Fall River, Mass. O'Donnell at once took exception to Mr. Schwab's speech on labor organizations. When Messrs. Schwab and O'Donnell ended their argument, Mrs. Rea touched Mr. Schwab on the arm.

"I am a representative of labor, Mr. Schwab," she said. "I was a mill girl for a number of years and know something of the conditions of life of the working woman. I think you are entirely at fault in criticising the labor organizations for the exercise of their inalienable right to protect themselves. This conference is called in the name of humanity, and the exercise of the right to restrict production is in line with humanitarianism."

"How do you make that out?" asked Mr. Schwab.

"If one man employed in a given industry," replied Mrs. Rea, "did two men's work, one would be thrown out of employment. If there were ten men in a community employed in a given line of work and three men did the work of ten, seven would be thrown out of employment. Is it humanity for these three men to do this? If all were employed, then they would be self-sustaining, independent and self-reliant, and the community would be better off."

"My dear madam, that is not to the point," replied Mr. Schwab. "The question is not one of character. It is whether the labor organizations shall restrict production; whether they shall prevent a man who can do more work than his fellow bettering his condition owing to his genius and quickness."

"It is a question of humanity and of the best interests of the whole community," insisted Mrs. Rea. "Is it not better that all should have some of the comforts than one man to have all the comforts and the rest suffer? There is something more in this matter than getting all that is in a man out of him. It is looking at a man as a man and not as a machine."

Senator Hanna, who had been waiting for Mr. Schwab, called out laughingly:

"Come away, Charlie; you'll get the worst of it."

"I'm coming, senator," replied Mr. Schwab, and then, turning again to Mrs. Rea, he said:

"Madam, you've heard the story of the woman who argued with her husband about a carpet for the parlor door. She wanted to get an ingrain and he a Brussels. After much arguing the man compromised on Brussels. I'll admit what you said was right. Good day."

NEW AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

A Single Span Will Cover Three Thousand Six Hundred Miles.

The survey of the great western cable route which, when finished, will put London within an hour's cable touch of the antipodes, or some three hours less than at present, has just been completed, Mr. R. E. Peake, one of its constructors and surveyors, who had been superintending the final arrangements for the laying of the great monster, having returned to London.

A London Express representative called on him recently at the office of the Telegraph Construction company and learned that all the stations have been settled upon. They are five in number—namely, from Kelp Bay, on the coast of Vancouver, to Fanning Island, a stretch of some 3,600 miles, by far the longest span of submarine cable yet devised; from Fanning Island to Suva, Fiji, about 2,100 miles; from Fiji to Norfolk Island, about 960 miles, where the cable branches off northwest to Brisbane, a distance of over 830 miles, and also due south to Auckland, a span of nearly 540 miles.

The total extent of the cable will be 7,986 miles, which is the longest cable yet made. In the month of January the Anglia cables will begin laying the first span, the last section, according to contract, to be completed by the fall of 1902.

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THREATS COME FROM ALL SIDES.

The *Czar's* Ability to Strike Quickly and Effectively the Detering Influence in Tariff Legislation—Germany Girding Herself for Great Struggle With the Nations.

Germany, according to a special cablegram from Berlin to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is girding herself for a great struggle with the nations over the question of tariffs.

Now that the tariff bill is well under way in the reichstag that day brings threats from all parts of the globe. Italy rages at the dredbunt; Austria-Hungary is in an ungovernable fury; France declares that she will pay her Teutonic neighbor back with compound interest; Roumania sulks; Belgium fumes; Switzerland gnashes her teeth. Even the United States looks on with sternly critical eye.

But there is another and a more dangerous enemy to be reckoned with. Russia is the real piece de resistance. While Count von Kanitz, the Agrarian leader, declares that the shaping of Germany's commercial relations with America will be the most important task of the next decade, St. Petersburg is looked upon by most Germans as most to be feared in the immediate future. M. de Witte has given a broad hint of what Russia may be expected to do in certain contingencies, and Herr Richter has reminded his countrymen of Russia's ability to strike without parliamentary delay.

The result of raising the grain duties would almost inevitably be a tariff war with Russia. Germany might retaliate against the United States, but scarcely against Russia. Since the conclusion of the present German-Russian treaty, German exports to Russia have more than doubled; hence the interests at stake are most serious.

In German government circles a still greater danger is thought possible. Russia without modifying her tariff could strike Germany a terrible blow. She would only have to prevent her peasants from crossing the German frontier in spring and autumn to sow and reap, and Prussia's corn either would never grow or would rot on the stalk.

This is Germany's vulnerable spot, her heel of Achilles. No doubt her eastern land owners regard the low prices of corn as a cruel trial, but the greatest calamity that could befall them would be the cutting off of the supply of laborers.

Count von Bulow's almost arrogant assertions in the reichstag that Germany will not allow her domestic policy to be dictated by outside influences are patriotic, but they do not divert attention in Germany from the fact that the unusual pressure exerted upon the separate German states by the financial position of the empire is becoming more and more unfavorable.

Back of the new tariff there is something more than complaisance toward the agrarians. The ambition to become a great sea power and the general restlessness which has been the German temper for some time are luxuries that must be paid for. Germany has been trying to expand in every direction at once, and she has overreached herself.

It is not likely, however, that the new tariff bill, if it ever passes, will leave the reichstag for a year, and in the meantime there will be an opportunity to amend it in the light of the economic situation in Germany and the attitude of foreign countries.

STORY OF JOHN W. MACKAY

His Kindness to Mrs. Sembrich During the Illness of Her Son.

When Mrs. Sembrich was singing in opera a few weeks ago in San Francisco, she learned of the critical condition of her ten-year-old son, whose death occurred recently in Dresden. The singer cabled every day to her husband in Dresden for information about the boy's condition, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The fact printed in the San Francisco papers reached the eye of John W. Mackay, who was then in that city. He had heard Mrs. Sembrich sing for the first time and was impressed not only by the great purity of her voice, but also by the fact that her anxiety over the critical condition of her son did not affect the superiority of her acting.

Mr. Mackay had never met the great soprano, but he nevertheless took the liberty of writing to her, expressing his admiration for her work and his sympathy for her and begged her to accept the free use of the cable facilities which he controls during the illness of her son.

He Had Had Too Many.

A good story is told of Jim Younger when he was in Duluth recently. It is well known that he is very much averse to notoriety and always registers under a fictitious name in order to avoid it. He stepped up to the office of one of the Duluth hotels, and after putting down something like "Peter Jones, Pearl Lake," he asked to be assigned a room, says the Duluth News-Tribune. After ascertaining about how much the guest wished to pay the clerk said that the most desirable room left was a courtroom.

"Courtroom, hey? Well, I guess I don't want it." And Younger strode out of the room.

"Now, I wonder what he meant by saying 'courtroom' in such a funny way?" And the hotel clerk, unconscious of the identity of his guest and his entirely natural aversion for courtrooms, straightway forgot the incident.

FAMOUS BOER LEADER.

Facta About Commandant Krutzinger, Captured by General French. Commandant Krutzinger, the famous Boer commander, who has just been captured by General French in South Africa, has frequently been referred to as a Cape Colony rebel. If he is really a British subject, he will doubtless meet the same fate as Lotter and be shot as a traitor.

Krutzinger has been among the most prominent of the Boer commanders ever since the South African war started, says the New York Times. Lately he has been even more active than at first, and last summer no less than seven British columns were in hot pursuit of him at one time. On June 2 he captured Jamestown, Cape Colony. On Aug. 13 his commando was routed near Steynsburg by Colonel Goring, but he succeeded in gathering his men together again and was next heard of on Sept. 20, when he inflicted heavy loss on Lovat's scouts. Subsequently he failed to force a crossing of the Orange river. Then for a time he dropped out of sight. It is supposed that he imitated De Wet's example and retired from the field for awhile, subsequently forming another commando.

Although not so spectacular a figure as De Wet, Krutzinger is said to be the equal of the famous Free Stater as a strategist. He succeeded in evading his pursuers with the same extraordinary ability as De Wet. Like him, Krutzinger has been repeatedly "cornered" and as often has got away. Like De Wet's, his force seemed to become invisible at will. One week he would be reported as having over 1,000 men in his commando, and the next, when the British had concentrated, his troops would apparently have vanished from the face of the earth. His escape after failing to cross the Orange river was a typical instance of his ability. He was driven toward the river, and when it was known that he had found himself unable to ford it, it was supposed that he was in a trap from which there was no escape. He was next heard of fifty miles in the rear of the British, threatening the railroad, having broken up his command into two sections.

Krutzinger is by no means a typical Boer in appearance. An officer of the British intelligence department who fell into his hands described him as a fine looking man about 5 feet 10 inches in height, broadly built and speaking English perfectly. Krutzinger was attired in lavender colored trousers, with yellow gaiters, a well cut coat, a starched white linen shirt and brand new tallies hat with a puggaree. He wore gloves and carried a hunting crop. His men were well dressed, and all their horses were in splendid condition.

DIRT EATERS, A NEW SECT.

Vitaphonists Take a Spoonful of Sand a Day for Health.

Newest and most singular of St. Louis sects are the Dirt Eaters, a community of seventy-five men and women whose Moses is William Windsor, says the New York World. The Dirt Eaters take every day a spoonful of dirt. Their leader believes that dirt is necessary to every animal and that because man will have no dirt in his food he is subject to many stomach troubles that no other animal has.

So the Dirt Eater goes every day to his little sack of soil. He plunges a teaspoon in and brings it forth heaped with good old earth. He washes it down with a glass of water, smacking his lips and blinking his eyes as though no morsel e'er tickled the palate of man so deliciously as dirt.

The Dirt Eater is particularly what sort of dirt he eats. He would be no true epicure if he were not. This article of his singular diet is technically sand. It comes from the river bottoms and is made up of many little particles of granite, marble, quartz and flint well rounded with age. The chief Dirt Eater has this collected and sterilized, and he distributes it among his followers at 25 cents a sack.

Leader Windsor calls his philosophy of life vitaphony.

ROOSEVELT'S SYMPATHY.

Expressed For a Rough Rider Who Got No Chance to Fight.

Probably the autograph of President Roosevelt which gives the best insight into his character is that on the back of the discharge papers of Major Dunn, late of Washington, but now on the staff of General Wood in Cuba, says a dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Press. Major Dunn belonged to the Roosevelt rough riders and had good fighting stock in him, but he was among the unlucky fellows who got no farther than Florida and whose only fight was with mosquitoes and flies. For these men Colonel Roosevelt was often heard to express the most profound sympathy.

He and young Dunn were good friends, and President Roosevelt entertained the Washington officer often before his departure for Cuba. When it came to signing Dunn's discharge from the volunteer army, the president handled the paper for some time and then expressed with the same pen his profound admiration for a man who performed such a disagreeable task during the Spanish-American war with such credit as did Major Dunn and his sympathy for a fellow who could not fight when fighting was in progress.

Canada's East Seacoast.

The eastern Canadian seacoast from the bay of Fundy to the strait of Belle Isle covers a distance of 5,000 miles, and British Columbia, with its multitude of bays and mountainous islands, has a seacoast of 7,180 miles and a salt water inshore area, not including minor indentations, of 1,500 square miles.

ROOSEVELT AS A RIDER

How He Has Checked the Automobile Fad in Washington.

HORSEBACK RIDING THE VOGUE

The President's Partiality For It Has Given That Form of Recreation a Boom in the National Capital—Invitation to Go Riding With Him a Special Mark of Favor.

President Roosevelt has dealt a heavy blow to the fad of automobilism, says J. S. Henry, a Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. He and Mrs. Roosevelt have made horseback riding the vogue. The horseless carriage has been deserted for the saddle. Few occupants of the White House have set the pace so quickly as have the Roosevelts. Their influence has been healthful, and an interest in athletics, with indulgence in vigorous outdoor exercise, has been the result.

In this change of the fashion and habit of Washington's smart set the Roosevelts have acted their part unconsciously. They have merely brought to the White House the customs and habits of life they have always practiced in their private home. What they do is done naturally and without thought of setting the example of inviting imitation. President and Mrs. Roosevelt ride horseback because they enjoy the exercise and love the animals.

The president seeks outdoor exercise in riding and walking because he is naturally fond of it and because it is absolutely necessary as a tonic and preservative of his splendid health. Two or three hours spent in the open air galloping along country roads and across open commons or trudging on foot through the streets and suburbs enable him to renew his spirits and relieve the oppression of a day's work in his office, where matters of state engage his attention and politicians annoy him at every turn.

When the weather is fine and the country roads are in good condition, President and Mrs. Roosevelt go out on horseback almost daily. They are usually accompanied by two or three friends, and sometimes Miss Roosevelt takes the place of her mother. After passing the limits of the city restraint is cast off, and it is a merry party that puts the horses through their paces. President Roosevelt usually leads in all adventure, and where a stretch of country affords exhibitions of horsemanship he jumps ditches, fences and hurdles in the shape of low bushes, while the rest of the party follow, endeavoring to take every leap of their leader.

Mrs. Roosevelt is a good rider and sits her mount as safely as her distinguished husband, and other members of the family down to young Kermit, who is wrestling with a stubborn Shetland pony, are at home in the saddle.

It is regarded as a mark of particular favor to be invited to lunch or dine with the president, but those who want to get close to Mr. Roosevelt find their advantage when invited to accompany him on a horseback ride. A recent appointment in Indiana has brought Senator Beveridge of that state to the front as an influential political factor. The appointment was not in accordance with Senator Fairbanks' judgment, but was insisted upon by Mr. Beveridge. Those who were surprised at the recognition given the young man over his more experienced colleague believe they have found the explanation. Mr. Beveridge is a frequent companion of President Roosevelt on the latter's gallops through the country. A mutual love for the horse has brought these strenuous men together.

Mr. Beveridge is so delighted with his horseback outings with Mr. Roosevelt that he has purchased a new mount and a few days ago brought it around to the White House to exhibit it to the president. The latter instantly brushed business aside and hurried down to the rear of the White House, where the new animal was in charge of a groom. He and the Hoosier senator examined the animal carefully, feeling its limbs, looking at its teeth and eyes and going over it with all the airs of expert horse dealers. The president commended the senator's choice, and that afternoon a gallop over the Virginia hills tested the qualities of the new steed.

When they returned, they came up the circular driveway to the front of the White House, and both animals showed the effects of their run. They were steaming in sweat, with flecks of foam on their breast and flanks. The president was in high glee, his hat tilted slightly to one side and to the back and his dress showing some little disorder from the ride. But Senator Beveridge was in perfect trim and could have that moment entered the senate chamber in his riding habit. He wore a shining silk hat, which sat upon his head as straight and exact as though it had been adjusted before a mirror. His black frock coat was closely buttoned, his hands neatly gloved, and when he dismounted at the White House steps there was neither fleck nor flaw in his attire. The knife blade crease of his trousers had not even been broken. President Roosevelt cast an admiring glance at his young companion, whose senatorial dignity and composure had so completely withstood the wild ride over the Virginia hills.

His Wants.

Want horse and' drums
When Christmas comes
An' sugar loads
But never a date
For dat' 'tune!
—Atlanta Constitution.

WHEN EDWARD IS CROWNED

Correct Costumes For British King's Coronation in Westminster Abbey.

In his capacity of earl marshal the Duke of Norfolk, the premier peer of Great Britain, has to regulate the details of the robes to be worn by peers and peeresses entitled to be present at the coronation of King Edward in Westminster abbey, now fixed for June 26, next year. Patterns of the robes, after the most authentic precedents, were recently exhibited at the Duke of Norfolk's private house, St. James square, London, the robes of a baron and baroness being taken as the basis for the robes of the various ranks of



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nobility, the distinctions being shown by variations in the coronets and in the bars of ermine worn on the cape.

The waxwork models of the baron and baroness, with her velvet train spread out behind her, set in the center of the drawing room of Norfolk House, gave, says the London Daily Graphic, a good idea of the splendid appearance the dresses of the peerage may be expected to make in the abbey at the coronation, due to the mass of red velvet and white ermine, the peer's extra ornament being simply the gold



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lace on the breast of the dress and the peeress' her pearl necklace. The costumes represent the old national colors of the banner of St. George—argent, or silver, for the field and gules, or rose red, for the cross.

TO STEER BY ELECTRICITY.

Englishman Invents a System of Naval Value.

Some interesting experiments in regard to the utility of electricity for steering vessels have been conducted recently aboard the Earl of Crawford's steam yacht Valhalla in Cowes roads in the presence of the inventor, the Hon. R. Brougham; the Earl of Crawford, the Earl of Dunraven and representatives of the British admiralty and Japanese navy, says the London Mail.

An important part of the system is a contrivance for steering from any part of the ship. By leading three wires throughout the length of the vessel it is possible to have any number of steering positions either above or below the water line, with simple electrical connections to the three wires.

This feature, it is believed, will prove a great boon to warships, as the necessary duplication of ordinary steel shafting and gear wheels is subject to risk of disarrangement while in action.

Illumination of Navigable Waters.

A Canadian patent has been granted for a system designed to do away with the lighthouses, buoys and the entire paraphernalia for night navigation between Montreal and Quebec and to substitute a submerged electric system which, however, will apply to all inland navigable waters. The main idea, according to the New York Times, is to sink an electric cable in the center of the navigable channels, with power transmitted from a power house at Montreal, and lines of colored lights at or above the water level each side of the channel, the lights on one side being of a different color from those on the other side and supported by cork floats. The idea, it does not exactly novel, is interesting and will provide a method of lighting obscure channels.

Electric Sight the Latest.

The Independence Belge of Brussels says that Dr. Sylvestre, formerly an American, but now a naturalized French physician, has invented a spectrograph which enables users of the telephone to see each other.

A KING WOULD VISIT US

American Minister Writes of Siamese Monarch's Wish.

WANTS A HEARTY INVITATION.

But It Must Come From the United States, Says Minister King—All His Expenses to Be Paid Too—Senator Frye Introduces a Bill in the Senate.

His majesty the king of Siam wants to visit the United States. His programme is to come as a guest of the nation, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York Press. Congress is asked to furnish him with a royal escort and pay all of his bills.

The opportunity to welcome a royal personage in proper state is so rarely afforded that something more than a ripple of interest was created the other day when Senator Frye, as acting chairman of the committee on foreign relations, introduced in the senate a resolution authorizing the president of the United States to extend to his majesty an invitation to visit this country as the guest of the nation.

Another provision of the resolution appropriated a blank sum out of the national treasury "for the purpose of enabling the president of the United States to extend suitable hospitalities to the king of Siam."

The documents which Senator Frye submitted to the senate in connection with this resolution were interesting. They stated that Hamilton King, the American minister at Bangkok, had been informed unofficially that the



KING OF SIAM.

Siamese king "would be pleased to visit America in the near future," and Mr. King's formal and official letter, in which he communicated this fact, asserted that the visit of his majesty undoubtedly would add to the intimate and cordial relations now existing between the two countries.

Far more entertaining, however, than this formal communication was a lengthy epistle, marked "confidential," but which also had been transmitted to the senate. In this letter Minister King set forth some facts about the royal ruler's proposed visit which were not referred to in his other document.

Minister King took occasion to recall, in the first place, that while his majesty was on a tour through Europe "some circumstances occurred which gave rise to much newspaper comment and no end of misunderstanding." While these circumstances were not specifically mentioned, it will be remembered that they were of a nature that did furnish lively talk in the newspapers. It is against a repetition of this comment and a misrepresentation, says Minister King, that his royal highness wishes to guard himself.

He evidently does not wish to trust himself to American newspapers unless he comes as the nation's guest, for, says Minister King, "he is a man of fine feeling and rare caution."

In further discussion just how the king of Siam shall come to the United States the American minister at Bangkok remarks that it is easy enough to arrange visits between monarchs, but that his royal highness appreciates that coming to a republic is a very different thing.

"He would be glad to come," writes Minister King, "in a private capacity for the sake of the education it would be to him and his people, but he naturally feels a shrinking and fear that to go in such a capacity, especially in view of the grasping position Uncle Sam is just now interpreted as assuming."

Unless his majesty came by direct invitation of the president, Minister King thinks, it might be assumed that he was not wanted and that his visit was a matter of indifference. This, says Minister King, would lead to much misrepresentation.

New Use For the Postoffice.

The postoffice in India not only collects and delivers letters, parcels and other articles, but acts to a certain extent as a banker to the general public, sells quinine and salt, pays military pensions and collects the revenue accruing to the government from land and other sources, says Pearson's Weekly. But to the fertile brain of one of the oldest officers in the department is due the latest development in the work of the postoffice. The Punjab postoffice has come forward as an elementary teacher. It not only collects letters and delivers them, but teaches boys in elementary schools how to write them and address the covers.

DISAGREES WITH SCHWAB.

Woman Criticizes Steel Magnate's Attitude Toward Labor Unions.

A woman tried conclusions with Charles M. Schwab, the president of the United States Steel corporation, at the labor council of the National Civic federation in New York the other day. The woman was Mrs. Mary Rea, the wife of Daniel Rea of Elmhurst, N. Y. She spent fifteen years of her life at the loom. All the morning Mrs. Rea sat inconspicuously in a corner of the room listening to the addresses. It was when Mr. Schwab arose and started to speak that she moved forward and listened intently, says the New York Journal. When Mr. Schwab attacked labor unions, her face showed earnest dissent.

At the conclusion of the session many of the distinguished men present gathered about Mr. Schwab. Among them was Thomas O'Donnell, secretary of the National Spinners' association of Fall River, Mass. O'Donnell at once took exception to Mr. Schwab's speech on labor organizations. When Messrs. Schwab and O'Donnell ended their argument, Mrs. Rea touched Mr. Schwab on the arm.

"I am a representative of labor, Mr. Schwab," she said. "I was a mill girl for a number of years and know something of the conditions of life of the working woman. I think you are entirely at fault in criticising the labor organizations for the exercise of their inalienable right to protect themselves. This conference is called in the name of humanity, and the exercise of the right to restrict production is in line with humanitarianism."

"How do you make that out?" asked Mr. Schwab.

"If one man employed in a given industry," replied Mrs. Rea, "did two men's work, one would be thrown out of employment. If there were ten men in a community employed in a given line of work and three men did the work of ten, seven would be thrown out of employment. Is it humanity for these three men to do this? If all were employed, then they would be self-sustaining, independent and self-reliant, and the community would be better off."

"My dear madam, that is not to the point," replied Mr. Schwab. "The question is not one of that character. It is whether the labor organizations shall restrict production; whether they shall prevent a man who can do more work than his fellow bettering his condition owing to his genius and quickness."

"It is a question of humanity and of the best interests of the whole community," insisted Mrs. Rea. "Is it not better that all should have some of the comforts than one man to have all the comforts and the rest suffer? There is something more in this matter than getting all that is in a man out of him. It is looking at a man as a man and not as a machine."

Senator Hanna, who had been waiting for Mr. Schwab, called out laughingly:

"Come away, Charlie; you'll get the worst of it."

"I'm coming, senator," replied Mr. Schwab, and then, turning again to Mrs. Rea, he said:

"Madam, you've heard the story of the woman who argued with her husband about a carpet for the parlor floor. She wanted to get an ingrain and he a Brussels. After much arguing the man compromised on Brussels. I'll admit what you said was right. Good day."

NEW AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

A Single Span Will Cover Three Thousand Six Hundred Miles.

The survey of the great western cable route which, when finished, will put London within an hour's cable touch of the antipodes, or some three hours less than at present, has just been completed, Mr. R. E. Peake, one of its constructors and surveyors, who had been superintending the final arrangements for the laying of the great monster, having returned to London.

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THREE DOG STORIES

CANINE DEVOTION TO THE MEMORY OF A KIND MASTER.

The Affection Displayed by a Newfoundland and a Little Fox Terrier—A Big Bulldog's Exhibition of Quickness and Sagacity.

"The most pathetic thing about the thoroughbred dog," said the man whose time has been spent about the kennels, "is his devotion to the memory of a kind master who is dead. There was a friend of mine who owned a Newfoundland, and Dash, as they called him, was never contented when away from his master. Not long ago the master was taken ill. He had to be moved to a hospital and Dash was left at home. The dog refused to eat."

"About 11 o'clock one night he began to howl. His cries alarmed the members of the family, who were greatly concerned about the condition of the patient in the hospital. While his cries continued the telephone bell rang and the message of death came over the wires."

"Dash was sent away until after the funeral. After his return a portrait of his dead master disappeared from the house. Search showed that the dog had carried it into a recess under the house. It was rescued from him with difficulty and screwed to an easel in the library. A rug was put down in front of it for Dash. He lay there with an expression of unutterable woe on his face. He wouldn't eat. For a week he kept vigil. Once or twice he licked up a little water and tasted dainty food, but he grew weaker day by day. One morning ten days later the library door was opened, and there was the faithful Dash dead on his rug."

"Instances are common in which dogs have remained by the body of a master, refusing to leave. It seems cruel to think of killing an animal of this kind to get him out of the way, and yet it has been found necessary in many cases. A very remarkable case of this kind happened a few years ago within my knowledge. There was a little fox terrier, a trim little animal, with a wag of his stumpy tail for every one, and he was the pet of a young boy who had reared him from puppyhood. When the little fellow was taken ill, the dog would creep into the room without the least noise and would lift himself on the bed to lick his master's hand. It was really touching. After a time the boy became dangerously ill. The dog had to be excluded from the room, but he sat by the door, never leaving it, with an expression of abject sorrow on his little face."

"The boy died. The dog knew it just as well as if he had been human, and they took him away until after the funeral. In some way, however, he escaped and returned home just as the body was being placed in the hearse. He followed it to the cemetery. At the grave he sat on his haunches, his head cast down, and now and then his cries, always low and painful, caused big tears to fall from the eyes of those who were watching the last rites. He moved up closer when the grave was being filled, and when the mound was being smoothed off and the flowers put down the dog advanced and laid himself down at the head. A member of the family tried to pick him up, but he snarled threateningly, and they left the little country cemetery, and the terrier stayed there to guard the last resting place of his master."

"The family believed the dog would return home that night, but he was not in his box the next morning. By noon he had not returned, and a servant was sent to the cemetery. Just as he got to the path leading down to the grave the servant heard a wild scream of pain and terror from the terrier, and before he could hasten to see the cause Mack had been killed. The blow which ended his faithful life was struck by a workman whom Mack had attacked when he tried to arrange the earth on the grave."

"Dogs seem to realize when there is trouble in the air. There is a true story of a big bulldog that seized the hand of a drunken man who was trying to kill his master. Blink, the dog, had followed his owner into a barroom one night and was lying under the table when a difficulty arose between Johnson, his master, and an Italian. The Italian fired at Johnson once and was about to fire again when Blink jumped and caught the man's wrist in a viselike grip. The Italian dropped the gun. Like a flash Blink released his hold on the man's wrist and seized him by the throat. The Italian was thrown to the floor, and it was not until Johnson had kicked Blink in the side that he let go. It was rather hard punishment for his good services, but if the kicks had not been given the man would have been killed by the terrible laceration of the throat."—New York Sun.

Heavy Rainfall.

It is the greatest rainfall in the world which pours down in torrents upon the southern sides of the Khasia hills, in Assam. No wonder that their southern slopes are fertile. The rains begin in June and last through August and September. Isabel Savory writes of these rains in "A Sportsman in India."

At Cherra Junji 523 inches of rain fall annually. The yearly rainfall in London is about two feet. At Cherra Junji it is forty feet, or enough to float the largest man-of-war, while in one year sixty-seven feet of water once fell from the sky.

When the rains set in, we had thunderstorms on a large scale. We, in the innocence of the uninitiated, began by trying to time a peal of thunder, but when it had lasted over half an hour we gave it up. Storms were on all sides, one long rolling peal crashing and vibrating among the distant mountains for hours.

Comrades.

A touching story of two friends is told by William Beatty-Kingsford in his "Journalist's Jottings." They were two officers in the English army who quarreled about some trifle and, although they had been the closest of comrades, became in consequence entirely estranged. The fact of their separation was extremely bitter to both of them, and one Christmas day one of them received from the other a card bearing a dove with an olive branch.

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DUE TO WET RAILS.

Six People Killed and a Number Injured at Allentown, Pa.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed and a number injured by reason of an electric car jumping the track at a sharp curve at the foot of the high mountain between here and Coopersburg. The accident was due to the wet rails and snow. The motor-man tried hard to stop the car when it slipped on the steep grade, but the car flew around the curve and swung against a guy pole, which tore off one side of the car and the roof. Those killed sat along the broken side of the car and were crushed by the post. The new Coopersburg line, on which the accident occurred, opened only last Wednesday.

Washington Calls on the President. Washington, Dec. 24.—Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Normal Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., was with the president for considerable time during the day. He was received in the cabinet room. While he was talking to the president Secretary Hay arrived and Mr. Washington left in company with the secretary. Mr. Washington declined to make any statement as to his business with the president, but it is believed they discussed Southern appointments.

Anti-German Demonstration. London, Dec. 24.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says there were serious anti-German demonstrations at Moscow last week, during which the eschutcheon on the German consulate there was shattered. The correspondent adds that the Russian censor stopped the transmission of this news.

Hagen Released From Prison. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—By a writ of habeas corpus Thomas E. Hagen, sentenced from North Dakota for soliciting bribes while a deputy collector of customs, has secured his release from the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

IS AMERICAN TERRITORY.

Navy Department So Decides Regarding the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The secretary of the navy has approved an opinion by the judge advocate general that the Philippine Islands are United States territory so far as the statute of limitations applies to naval offenses. In the case in question a sailor deserted from the navy over two years ago and enlisted in the army. His regiment was serving in the Philippines and he remained with it. The navy authorities, learning of his whereabouts, instituted proceedings for his trial by court-martial on the charge of desertion. The case came before the judge advocate general, who decided that the statute of limitation barred prosecution for the offense, it having occurred more than two years ago and the alleged deserter not having left the territory of the United States. Secretary Long approved the opinion and directed a discontinuance of the proceedings against the sailor.

TARIFF WAR IMPROBABLE.

American Products Have Too Firm a Foothold in Germany.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It is not probable that Germany will ever begin a tariff war with the United States, according to a consular report received at the state department. The subject which interests the German press most in connection with the new German tariff bill is the probable effect it will have on the renewal of the commercial treaties in 1903. The sentiment is almost unanimously in favor of first reaching an agreement with the United States and using this as a basis for concluding treaties with other nations. Our foodstuffs and manufactured goods have gained such a foothold in Germany that it will be a difficult matter to dislodge them.

THE MANCHURIAN TREATY.

Diplomats at Peking Believe Russia Will Modify Her Demands.

Peking, Dec. 24.—Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China, has requested the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao, to present their objections to the Manchurian treaty (which was discussed here between M. Lessar and the Chinese representatives last Saturday) in writing for transmission to his government. The ministers of the foreign powers here who oppose this treaty consider this request to be a sign that Russia is willing to modify her demands.

The Chinese court has arrived at Tsu How, within the boundary of Chi Li province, where it was welcomed by numerous officials.

CLAIM AGAINST COLOMBIA.

Liberals Loot an American Mining Company's Commissariat.

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 24.—During the absence of the government soldiers the Liberals returned to Nombre de Dios and looted the commissariat of the Manganese Mining company, an American concern. They also threatened the life of the custodian of the stores, who was forced to surrender his keys. The company is presenting a claim to the government for the loss sustained by it. On the arrival of the United States gunboat Marietta at Nombre de Dios, and subsequently when the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon reached the same place with 50 soldiers on board, the Liberals again disappeared.

NO AGREEMENT YET.

Terms of Miss Stone's Release Will Not Be Settled for Ten Days.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—A correspondent here of the Associated Press was informed at the American legation that no agreement had yet been arrived at with the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive concerning the missionary's release and that it was unlikely that anything would be settled in this connection for another 10 days.

Advices received here from Sofia are to the effect that M. Tsilka has heard that Mme. Tsilka, his wife, is doing well, but cannot be moved for another week. The same advices say Miss Stone is well.

"JENNIE JUNE" DEAD.

Well Known Authoress and Club Woman Passes Away at New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. "Jennie June" Croly, journalist and organizer of woman's clubs, died in this city from heart failure. Mrs. Croly, who was 72 years old, was born in England. She became a newspaper writer in this city under the non de plume of "Jennie June" in 1855 and achieved a wide reputation. She organized Sorosis over 30 years ago and through her efforts the Federation of Women's Clubs in this country was formed. At the time of her death Mrs. Croly was president of the New York Women's Press club.

Hail Insurance Company Fails.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—A receiver has been appointed for the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance company, which was incorporated Jan. 21, 1901, to insure crops against damage from hail on the mutual assessment plan. While the company was incorporated in Missouri and had offices here it operated only in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana and Colorado. The company did more than \$2,000,000 worth of business, but heavy losses in Colorado and South Dakota, with the shortage of crops, are given as causes of the failure.

Japan Has a Surplus.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese budget shows a surplus of 47,500,000 yen, which, together with the proceeds from the Chinese indemnity, the government proposes to devote to redeveloping the national debt, the building of railroads and telegraphs and the restoration of the naval maintenance fund.

Boer Prisoners Have Measles.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 24.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkins island have been isolated as several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Interstate Commerce Commission's Preliminary Report.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The preliminary report of the interstate commerce commission on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1901, shows returns of railway companies operating 192,193 miles of line. The passenger earnings of these railroads were \$426,909,210 and the freight earnings \$1,114,740,770. The total gross earnings were \$1,578,164,203, or \$8.211 per mile of line, against \$1,487,044,814 in 1900. Operating expenses amounted to \$1,023,156,281, or \$5.323 per mile of line, making net earnings \$555,007,922, or \$35.577,218 in excess of the fiscal year 1900.

HER HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS.

Wisconsin Woman Gets \$6,000 for Them in a North Dakota Court.

Cando, N. D., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Irene C. King vs. Mary D. Hanson for alienating the affections of Mr. King returned a verdict for \$6,000 damages. Mrs. Hanson has a hotel at Rice Lake, Wis., and King was in her employ.

As the laws of Wisconsin do not permit one woman to bring an action against another for the alienation of the affections of the husband of the complainant the action was brought in this county and an attachment was levied on Mrs. Hanson's property here. An appeal will be taken.

William Ellery Channing Dead.

Concord, Mass., Dec. 24.—William Ellery Channing, the last of the brotherhood including Thoreau, Hawthorne and Emerson, who made Concord famous, is dead. He was born in Boston, Nov. 29, 1813. He was an author of marked originality and poetic power. His published volumes number nine and he left copious manuscripts from which selections will be made for publication later. He leaves five children.

Robbers Carry Off the Payroll.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 24.—Two masked men with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Abernathy furniture factory and got away with the entire payroll, amounting to between \$800 and \$900. The robbery occurred when the men were about to be called in for their tri-weekly pay. Three shots were fired at Omar Abernathy and the clerks, but none took effect. The robbers escaped without being identified.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Emperor William will visit London on Jan. 20.

Mrs. Frank Leslie is very ill at the Roosevelt hospital in New York.

Governor Rogers of Washington is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Edward Onslow Ford, R. A., the sculptor, is dead at London. He was born in 1852.

Franceszek Umilian was electrocuted at Charlestown, Mass., for the murder of Kasimiro Jadrusek, a fellow Pole, in December, 1899.

Captain Albert R. Poppe, former harbor master of Milwaukee and well known throughout the chain of Great Lakes, is dead from cancer, aged 63 years.

Luther C. Sanborn, a resident of Sioux City, Ia., since 1856 and a pioneer in that section, is dead. He was one of Sioux City's most prominent citizens.

Dr. J. G. Malcolm, author of several standard medical works, is dead at Hutchinson, Kan., aged 71 years. He was an authority among homeopathic physicians. He was born in Scotland.

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota has called a conference of the governors and attorney generals of all the Northwestern states interested in the railroad merger to meet at Helena, Mon., Dec. 30.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Cash, 77½¢; May, 78½¢; July, 79½¢. On Track—No. 1 hard, 80½¢; No. 1 Northern, 67½¢@68½¢; No. 2 Northern, 70½¢@71½¢.

Sioux City Live Stock. Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Beef, \$4.00@5.65; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.00; yearlings and calves, \$2.75@3.85. Hogs—\$5.65@6.30.

Duluth Grain.

Duluth, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 79½¢; No. 1 Northern, 76½¢; No. 2 Northern, 73½¢; No. 3 spring, 71½¢. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, 79½¢; No. 1 Northern and Dec., 76½¢; May, 79½¢. Flax—To arrive, \$1.35; cash, \$1.44½; Dec., \$1.54½; May, \$1.59½.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Fancy butcher steers, \$5.60@6.00; fancy butcher cows and heifers, \$4.25@4.75; good to choice veals, \$4.25@4.75; good to choice feeders, \$3.25@4.00. Hogs—\$5.25@6.35. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.25@3.50; lambs, \$4.00@4.50.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Dec., 78½¢; Jan., 78½¢; May, 82¢@82½¢; July, 82¢. Corn—Dec., 64¢; May, 67¢@67½¢; July, 66½¢@67½¢. Oats—Dec., 44½¢; May, 45¢@45½¢; July, 39½¢; Sept., 33½¢. Pork—Dec., \$15.20; Jan., \$16.15; May, \$16.92½; July, \$17.60. Lard—Cash Northwestern, \$1.60; Southwestern, \$1.58; Dec., \$1.60; May, \$1.60@1.61. Butter—Creameries, 15¢@24¢; dairies, 14¢@20¢. Eggs—28¢. Poultry—Turkeys, 6¢@10¢; chickens, 4¢@8¢.

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Great Britain Will Act if Asked.

London, Dec. 24.—The British government is watching the progress of the dispute between the Chilean and Argentine republics with considerable anxiety. A representative of the Associated Press was informed that neither side has as yet approached the British foreign office. If both Chile and Argentine request Great Britain to arbitrate the matters in dispute between them, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, will promptly acquiesce.

DUE TO WET RAILS.

Six People Killed and a Number Injured at Allentown, Pa.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 23.—Six persons were killed and a number injured by reason of an electric car jumping the track at a sharp curve at the foot of the high mountain between here and Coopersburg. The accident was due to the wet rails and snow. The motor-man tried hard to stop the car when it slipped on the steep grade, but the car flew around the curve and swung against a guy pole, which tore off one side of the car and the roof. Those killed sat along the broken side of the car and were crushed by the post. The new Coopersburg line, on which the accident occurred, opened only last Wednesday.

Washington Calls on the President.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Normal Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., was with the president for considerable time during the day. While he was talking to the president Secretary Hay arrived and Mr. Washington left in company with the secretary. Mr. Washington declined to make any statement as to his business with the president, but it is believed they discussed Southern appointments.

Anti-German Demonstration.

London, Dec. 24.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says there were serious anti-German demonstrations at Moscow last week, during which the consulate on the German consulate there was shattered. The correspondent adds that the Russian censor stopped the transmission of this news.

Hagen Released From Prison.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—By a writ of habeas corpus Thomas E. Hagen, sentenced from North Dakota for soliciting bribes while a deputy collector of customs, has secured his release from the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

IS AMERICAN TERRITORY.

Navy Department So Decides Regarding the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The secretary of the navy has approved an opinion by the judge advocate general that the Philippine islands are United States territory so far as the statute of limitations applies to naval offenses. In the case in question a sailor deserted from the navy over two years ago and enlisted in the army. His regiment was serving in the Philippines and he remained with it. The navy authorities, learning of his whereabouts, instituted proceedings for his trial by court-martial on the charge of desertion. The case came before the judge advocate general, who decided that the statute of limitation barred prosecution for the offense, it having occurred more than two years ago and the alleged deserter not having left the territory of the United States. Secretary Long approved the opinion and directed a discontinuance of the proceedings against the sailor.

TARIFF WAR IMPROBABLE.

American Products Have Too Firm a Foothold in Germany.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It is not probable that Germany will ever begin a tariff war with the United States, according to a consular report received at the state department. The subject which interests the German press most in connection with the new German tariff bill is the probable effect it will have on the renewal of the commercial treaties in 1903. The sentiment is almost unanimously in favor of first reaching an agreement with the United States and using this as a basis for concluding treaties with other nations. Our foodstuffs and manufactured goods have gained such a foothold in Germany that it will be a difficult matter to dislodge them.

THE MANCHURIAN TREATY.

Diplomats at Peking Believe Russia Will Modify Her Demands.

Peking, Dec. 24.—Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China, has requested the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao, to present their objections to the Manchurian treaty (which was discussed here between M. Lessar and the Chinese representatives last Saturday) in writing for transmission to his government. The ministers of the foreign powers here who oppose this treaty consider this request to be a sign that Russia is willing to modify her demands.

The Chinese court has arrived at Tsu How, within the boundary of Chi Li province, where it was welcomed by numerous officials.

CLAIM AGAINST COLOMBIA.

Liberals Loot an American Mining Company's Commissariat.

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 24.—During the absence of the government soldiers the Liberals returned to Nombre de Dios and looted the commissariat of the Mangrove Mining company, an American concern. They also threatened the life of the custodian of the stores who was forced to surrender his keys. The company is presenting a claim to the government for the loss sustained by it. On the arrival of the United States gunboat Marietta at Nombre de Dios, and subsequently when the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon reached the same place with 50 soldiers on board, the Liberals again disappeared.

NO AGREEMENT YET.

Terms of Miss Stone's Release Will Not Be Settled for Ten Days.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—A correspondent here of the Associated Press was informed at the American legation that no agreement had yet been arrived at with the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive concerning the missionary's release and that it was unlikely that anything would be settled in this connection for another 10 days.

Advices received here from Sofia are to the effect that M. Tsilka has heard that Mme. Tsilka, his wife, is doing well, but cannot be moved for another week. The same advices say Miss Stone is well.

"JENNIE JUNE" DEAD.

Well Known Authoress and Club Woman Passes Away at New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. "Jennie June" Croly, journalist and organizer of woman's clubs, died in this city from heart failure. Mrs. Croly, who was 72 years old, was born in England. She became a newspaper writer in this city under the non de plume of "Jennie June" in 1855 and achieved a wide reputation. She organized Sorosis over 30 years ago and through her efforts the Federation of Women's Clubs in this country was formed. At the time of her death Mrs. Croly was president of the New York Women's Press club.

Hail Insurance Company Fails.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—A receiver has been appointed for the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance company, which was incorporated Jan. 21, 1901, to insure crops against damage from hail on the mutual assessment plan. While the company was incorporated in Missouri and had offices here it operated only in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana and Colorado. The company did more than \$2,000,000 worth of business, but heavy losses in Colorado and South Dakota, with the shortage of crops, are given as causes of the failure.

Japan Has a Surplus.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese budget shows a surplus of 47,500,000 yen, which, together with the proceeds from the Chinese indemnity, the government proposes to devote to redeeming the national debt, the building of railroads and telegraphs and the restoration of the naval maintenance fund.

Boer Prisoners Have Measles.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 24.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkins Island have been isolated as several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Interstate Commerce Commission's Preliminary Report.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The preliminary report of the interstate commerce commission on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1901, shows returns of railway companies operating 192,193 miles of line. The passenger earnings of these railroads were \$426,909,210 and the freight earnings \$1,114,740,770. The total gross earnings were \$1,578,164,203, or \$8.21 per mile of line, against \$1,487,944,814 in 1900. Operating expenses amounted to \$1,023,156,281, or \$5.323 per mile of line, making net earnings \$355,091,024, or \$35,577,218 in excess of the fiscal year 1900.

HER HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS.

Wisconsin Woman Gets \$6,000 for Them in a North Dakota Court.

Candó, N. D., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Irene C. King vs. Mary D. Hanson for alienating the affections of Mr. King returned a verdict for \$6,000 damages. Mrs. Hanson has a hotel at Rice Lake, Wis., and King was in her employ.

As the laws of Wisconsin do not permit one woman to bring an action against another for the alienation of the affections of the husband of the complainant the action was brought in this county and an attachment was levied on Mrs. Hanson's property here. An appeal will be taken.

William Ellery Channing Dead.

Concord, Mass., Dec. 24.—William Ellery Channing, the last of the brotherhood including Thoreau, Hawthorne and Emerson, who made Concord famous, is dead. He was born in Boston, Nov. 29, 1818. He was an author of marked originality and poetic power. His published volumes number nine and he left copious manuscripts from which selections will be made for publication later. He leaves five children.

Robbers Carry Off the Payroll.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 24.—Two masked men with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Abernathy furniture factory and got away with the entire payroll, amounting to between \$800 and \$900. The robbery occurred when the men were about to be called in for their tri-weekly pay. Three shots were fired at Omar Abernathy and the clerks, but none took effect. The robbers escaped without being identified.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Emperor William will visit London on Jan. 20.

Mrs. Frank Leslie is very ill at the Roosevelt hospital in New York.

Governor Rogers of Washington is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Edward Onslow Ford, R. A., the sculptor, is dead at London. He was born in 1852.

Franciszek Umilian was electrocuted at Charlestown, Mass., for the murder of Kasimio Jadrusek, a fellow Pole, in December, 1899.

Captain Albert R. Poppe, former harbor master of Milwaukee and well known throughout the chain of Great Lakes, is dead from cancer, aged 63 years.

Luther C. Sanborn, a resident of Sioux City, Ia., since 1856 and a pioneer in that section, is dead. He was one of Sioux City's most prominent citizens.

Dr. J. G. Malcolm, author of several standard medical works, is dead at Hutchinson, Kan., aged 71 years. He was an authority among homeopathic physicians. He was born in Scotland.

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota has called a conference of the governors and attorney generals of all the Northwestern states interested in the railroad merger to meet at Helena, Mon., Dec. 30.

MARKET QUOTATION.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Cash, 77½¢; May, 78½¢; July, 79½¢. On Track—No. 1 hard, 80½¢; No. 1 Northern, 67½¢; No. 2 Northern, 76½¢; No. 3 Northern, 76½¢.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Beef, \$4.00 to \$5.65; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.50 to \$3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.00; yearlings and calves, \$2.75 to \$3.85. Hogs—\$5.65 to \$6.30.

Duluth Grain.

Duluth, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 79½¢; No. 1 Northern, 76½¢; No. 2 Northern, 73½¢; No. 3 spring, 71½¢. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, 79½¢; No. 1 Northern and Dec., 76½¢; May, 79½¢. Flax—To arrive, \$1.55; cash, \$1.44½; Dec., \$1.54½; May, \$1.59½.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Fancy butcher steers, \$5.60 to \$6.00; fancy butcher cows and heifers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; good to choice veals, \$4.25 to \$4.75; good to choice feeders, \$3.25 to \$4.00. Hogs—\$5.25 to \$6.35. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.25 to \$3.50; lamb, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Good to prime, \$6.00 to \$7.00; poor to medium, \$3.70 to \$5.80; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$4.00; cows and heifers, \$1.00 to \$5.25; Texas steers, \$4.25 to \$5.00. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; good to choice heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.50; rough heavy, \$5.80 to \$6.05; light, \$5.30 to \$5.75; bulk of sales, \$5.75 to \$6.25. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.10; lamb, \$2.50 to \$3.10.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Dec., 78½¢; Jan., 78½¢; May, \$2.02½; July, \$2.02. Corn—Dec., 64¢; May, 67¢; July, 66½¢; Oats—Dec., 44½¢; May, 45½¢; July, 39½¢; Sept., 33½¢. Pork—Dec., \$15.20; Jan., \$16.15; May, \$16.92½; July, \$17.00. Lard—Cash Northwestern, \$1.60; Southwestern, \$1.58; Dec., \$1.60; May, \$1.60 to \$1.61. Butter—Creameries, 15¢; 24¢; dairies, 14¢ to 15¢. Eggs—28¢. Poultry—Turkeys, 6¢ to 10¢; chickens, 1¢ to 2¢.

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